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Indiana Department of Labor Honors Holiday World & Splashin' Safari Theme Park, in Santa Claus, Indiana with Safety Award

Indianapolis, IN April 13, 2009 – The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to announce the certification of Holiday World & Splashin' Safari Theme Park located in Santa Claus, Indiana in the Indiana Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (INSHARP). This is the first amusement park in the nation to be certified in the federally recognized program.

Originally named Santa Claus Land when it opened August 3, 1946, Holiday World & Splashin' Safari Theme Park will celebrate its 63rd year of operation in the 2009 season. Today, Holiday World is one of only a few of the remaining family owned and operated theme parks in the world. Approximately one million guests visit the park each season.

Critical components of a company's workplace safety and health program include management commitment to and employee involvement in the program. The occupational well-being of the nearly 80 full-time staff and more than 2,000 seasonal employees at Holiday World is a value that park management holds in high regard. Management openly promotes and allocates the appropriate resources towards the betterment of the workplace safety and health program. Holiday World employees actively participate in safety committees and take part in emergency response and rescue drills as well as conduct self-audits, participate in OSHA-related training and provide suggestions for improvement in worker safety and health.

The INSHARP award ceremony was held on Thursday, April 9, 2009 in Santa Claus, Indiana at the site of the park's newest attraction and world's tallest water ride, Pilgrims Plunge. The ceremony provided an opportunity for Holiday World employees, staff and management to showcase their exemplary status to the media, state officials and local elected officials.

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About the Indiana Department of Labor:

The mission of the Indiana Department of Labor is to advance the safety, health and prosperity of Hoosiers in the workplace. In order to make significant strides, we emphasize both enforcement and compliance assistance to employers. www.in.gov/dol.

About INSHARP:

INSHARP, a federally recognized program, is one of two of Indiana's exemplary safety and health recognition programs. INSHARP was established to recognize and promote exemplary safety and health management systems throughout the state. INSHARP status can be achieved when management and employees work together to create and maintain a safe and healthy work environment.

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