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Indiana Department of Labor Honors Five Rauch, Inc. Sites in New Albany, Indiana with Safety Awards

Indianapolis, IN December 13, 2007 – The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to announce the certification of five Rauch, Inc. sites in the Indiana Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (INSHARP).

INSHARP, one of Indiana's exemplary safety and health recognition programs, was established to recognize and promote safety and health management programs throughout the state. Based on benchmarks for advancement and development of safety and health programs within the workplace, INSHARP status can be achieved when management and employees work together to create and maintain a safe and healthy work environment.

Rauch, Inc. was formed in 1953 and provides developmental activities, educational experiences and employment services for adults and children with disabilities. Today the company has seven sites and serves more than 650 children, adults and families in Southern Indiana. "Rauch, Inc.'s worksites serve as models of occupational safety and health, and the IDOL is pleased to present an INSHARP award to Rauch, Inc. for worker safety and health excellence. The commitment by the Rauch Board of Directors to the safety of their workforce was evident and is to be commended," Commissioner of Labor Lori A. Torres stated.

The INSHARP award ceremony was held on Thursday, December 12, 2007 in New Albany, Indiana. The ceremony provided an opportunity for Rauch, Inc. employees, staff, and management to showcase their exemplary status to the media, state officials, and local elected officials.

To qualify for INSHARP participation, an employer's Days Away Restricted and Transferred rate (DART) and Total Case Incident Rate (TCIR) must be below the national average for their respective Standard Industrial Classification (SIC)/North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All five Rauch, Inc. sites are 100 percent below the industry average, with current DART rates of 0.0. Rauch, Inc. has had no worker injury or illness requiring absence of work for at least three years. "This achievement at all five sites is even more extraordinary given Rauch's unique workforce," added Torres.

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