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**DuBois Earns Recognition as a John Deere “Partner-Level Supplier” for 3<sup>rd</sup> Year in a Row**

SHARONVILLE, Ohio – (March 9, 2009) – For the third consecutive year, DuBois has earned recognition as a Partner-Level Supplier in the 2008 John Deere Achieving Excellence Program. The Partner-Level status is Deere & Company’s highest supplier rating. DuBois was selected for the honor in recognition of its dedication to providing products and service of outstanding quality as well as its commitment to continuous improvement. DuBois President Jeff Welsh along with DuBois Representatives Al Matthews and Chris Collier accepted the award during formal ceremonies held February 17<sup>th</sup> in Davenport, Iowa.

DuBois Chemicals is a supplier of indirect materials to John Deere’s operations in Waterloo, Dubuque, Cedar Rapids, and Davenport, Iowa.

Suppliers who participate in the Achieving Excellence program are evaluated annually in several key performance categories, including quality, cost management, delivery, technical support and wavelength, which is a measure of responsiveness. John Deere Supply Management created the program in 1991 to provide a supplier evaluation and feedback process that promotes continuous improvement.

Founded in 1920, DuBois Chemicals ([www.duboischemicals.com](http://www.duboischemicals.com)) is a leading specialty chemical and applications provider to the manufacturing industry in North America. The Cincinnati-based company's focus is to forge sustainable partnerships with customers that also reduce total cost through the delivery of innovative solutions that are lean, green and clean. DuBois specializes in the areas of metal finishing/paint pretreatment, water/wastewater treatment, maintenance/equipment cleaning, and transportation cleaning.

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