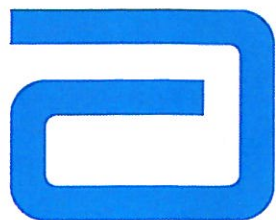


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News

Abbott Recognizes Winners of Supplier Excellence Award

ABBOTT PARK, Ill., March 22, 2010 – Abbott today recognized 36 companies with its Supplier Excellence Award. Winners were recognized for exceptional contributions to Abbott in 2009, and were chosen from more than 20,000 worldwide suppliers because of outstanding performance in supplying quality materials, equipment and services to Abbott.

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"Abbott's reputation for delivering quality products to patients is a direct result of our collaborative approach to supplier relationships," said Sarah Catterson, divisional vice president, corporate purchasing, Abbott. "We're pleased to recognize these companies that consistently achieve the highest levels of excellence."

The Abbott Supplier Performance Program began in 1991 and assesses supplier performance using key performance indicators and feedback from internal Abbott employees in all divisions and functional areas involved with the supplier. Program suppliers are measured in the categories of quality, delivery performance, service levels, cost effectiveness, process improvement and innovation.

This year, Abbott is proud to recognize the following companies as recipients of Abbott's Supplier Excellence Award:

Direct Material Suppliers

- August Faller KG
- Bachem
- Ball Corporation
- BASF
- Colbert Packaging
- CSP Technologies
- Divis Laboratories Ltd.
- Filtrona
- Grafica Zannini
- Graham Packaging
- Grain Processing
- GSI Technologies
- Halocarbon
- ISP (International Specialty Products)
- Keller Crescent
- Nosco
- Robinson Printing
- RR Donnelley
- Sigma-Aldrich
- Sonoco
- Sumitomo Seika
- Tegrant Corporation, ThermoSafe Brands
- Tekni-Films, a Tekni-Plex Company
- Tube Methods

Indirect Suppliers

- AT&T
- Crossmark Graphics
- FedEx
- Haapanen Brothers
- Insight
- Original Smith Printing
- SBM Site Services
- Staples
- Verizon Wireless

Contract Manufacturers

- Denka Seiken
- Sentinel Diagnostics
- Toshiba Medical Systems

About Abbott

Abbott is a global, broad-based health care company devoted to the discovery, development, manufacture and marketing of pharmaceuticals and medical products, including nutritionals, devices and diagnostics. The company employs approximately 83,000 people and markets its products in more than 130 countries.

Abbott's news releases and other information are available on the company's Web site at www.abbott.com.

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