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American Packaging Corporation Achieves OSHA VPP STAR Status at All Facilities

ROCHESTER, NY – May 29, 2009 – American Packaging Corporation earned STAR designation from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration as part of the agency's Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) at all three of its facilities. The VPP program recognizes businesses and its employees that demonstrate excellence in occupational safety and health.

STAR status is the highest VPP designation awarded by OSHA and indicates a facility has achieved injury and illness rates below its industry national average, and demonstrated to OSHA that its safety and health management systems are exemplary. STAR participants commit to a process of continuous safety improvements that will lead to an even safer work environment.

American Packaging's Rochester, NY facility was the first to receive STAR status in 2003 and recertification in late 2006. The Story City, IA and Columbus, WI facilities earned their STAR Status in 2009. The VPP evaluation team gave special recognition for use of: (1) in-house video training for site specific operations; (2) incident investigations of near miss, first-aid and recordable incidents using Technique of Operations Review (TOR) system; and (3) employees involvement in establishing an overall excellent safety culture.

"With only a small number of manufacturing facilities across the nation achieving VPP STAR status, it is a great accomplishment to have all our facilities STAR certified" said Dennis Couture, VP of Operations at a recent awards ceremony. "This would not be possible without the efforts of each and every employee being the best. We continue to improve each year in safety, quality and productivity due to the dedication and commitment of our employees".

ABOUT AMERICAN PACKAGING CORPORATION

American Packaging Corporation is an ISO 9001:2008 company specializing in the manufacture of flexible packaging laminations for a variety of specialty markets. The company has three process focused facilities: Rotogravure Printing and Laminating, Flexographic Printing and Laminating, Extrusion Laminating and Coating.

The company is privately-held and has been serving the packaging industry for over 100 years.

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