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Dow Reports Progress on 2015 Sustainability Goals

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At The Dow Chemical Company, sustainability requires making every decision with the future in mind. Our 2015 Goals remain our guideposts even in the most challenging economic climate - as we continue to "Set the Standard for Sustainability" in tangible ways. Our progress delivers avenues for solving world challenges, targets for innovation, and competitive advantages for our businesses.

Posted externally for our customers', stakeholders' and shareholders' review, our [2Q 2009 Sustainability Goals Update](#) is now available on [dow.com](#). Here, you will find updates for each of our seven 2015 Goals, including highlights of the report that exemplify our four elements of setting the standard:

Smart Solutions

Our technologies enable our customers, and their customers, to develop products and services for a more sustainable future.

- ▶ Customer wins award for alcohol-free fragrance formulation enabled by water-based micro-emulsion technology from Dow.
- ▶ DOWTHERM™ A heat transfer fluids collect and transport heat from Concentrating Solar Power Systems to generate alternative energy.
- ▶ Sustainable Chemistry Index established for assessing and improving the sustainable chemistry advantages of our products.

Innovations for Tomorrow

We contribute to the sustainability of society and our planet by developing innovative technologies for current and future markets.

- ▶ Announced plans to work with Algenol Biofuels, Inc. to build and operate a pilot-scale algae-based biorefinery to convert CO₂ into ethanol.
- ▶ Proposed joint venture to manufacture the next generation of batteries for hybrid and electric vehicles is announced in Michigan.
- ▶ AgroFresh reaps successful field trials for INVINSA™ Crop Stress Protection technology.

Responsible Operations

Our infrastructure has a positive impact on our company, our communities and ourselves; our operations are a model for others, wherever we operate.

- ▶ Dow Water & Process Solutions awarded the 2008 Minnesota Governor's Safety Award for Outstanding Achievement in Occupational Safety.
- ▶ Achieved our 200th Product Safety Assessment as we continue to lead the industry in publicly available summaries of high-priority compounds.
- ▶ End of second quarter 2009 Injury and Illness rate showed a 36 percent improvement

compared to our performance for all of 2008 - 9 percent better than where we strive to be for all of 2009.

Partners for Change

We are leaders in advancing all aspects of sustainability, openly collaborating with customers, suppliers, communities, civil society and governments.

- ▶ Dow AgroSciences and World Wide Wheat commercialize advanced germplasm and traits in wheat.
- ▶ Dow and Gazprom Marketing and Trading Limited signed a memorandum of understanding to develop and implement greenhouse gas reduction projects on a global basis.
- ▶ Dow alliance with local NGO, government, and other companies launched domestic solid waste recycling program in Bahía Blanca, Argentina.

To read more on how Dow continues to Set the Standard for Sustainability and other important sustainability highlights, please visit the Dow [Sustainability](#) site on [dow.com](#).

About Dow

Dow is a diversified chemical company that combines the power of science and technology with the “Human Element” to constantly improve what is essential to human progress. The Company delivers a broad range of [products and services](#) to customers in approximately 160 countries, connecting chemistry and innovation with the [principles of sustainability](#) to help provide everything from fresh water, food and pharmaceuticals to paints, packaging and personal care products. In 2008, Dow had annual sales of \$57.5 billion and employed approximately 46,000 people worldwide. The Company has 150 manufacturing sites in 35 countries and produces approximately 3,300 products. On April 1, 2009, Dow acquired Rohm and Haas Company, a global specialty materials company with sales of \$10 billion in 2008, 98 manufacturing sites in 30 countries and approximately 15,000 employees worldwide.

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