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2008 Governor's Award for Pollution Prevention - Honorable Mention Awards

Companies from Durham, Lincoln, Londonderry and Manchester Honored

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Commissioner Thomas Burack today recognized four New Hampshire companies as runners up in the competition for the 2008 Annual Governor's Pollution Prevention Award. In a ceremony at the DES Offices in Concord, awards were presented to FCI USA Inc. of Lincoln; Goss International Americas, Inc. of Durham; Symmetry Medical PolyVac of Manchester; and Wire Belt Company of America in Londonderry for projects that reduced their generation of hazardous wastes and waste water and reduced their demand for energy and raw materials.

Two New Hampshire businesses and organizations received the top prize for the 2008 Governor's Award for their pollution prevention efforts: Anheuser-Busch, Inc. Merrimack Facility and Southeastern Container, Inc. of Hudson. Those awards will be presented by Governor Lynch on October 30 at ceremonies held at each facility.

FCI USA Inc. in Lincoln is a manufacturer of electrical connectors for the electrical power generation and distribution industries. The company instituted Best Practices throughout the manufacturing floor and maintenance departments that resulted in savings in many different categories. These projects included: eliminating the annealing (metal softening) process on some products, procuring new state of the art cutting equipment which resulted in improved yield of raw material, and using mechanical methods rather than chemical methods when de-scaling copper products. These projects saved the company 15,601 pounds of raw materials, 633,055 kWh of electricity and approximately \$74,000 per year.

Goss International Americas, Inc. designs and manufactures printing presses and associated equipment for newspaper and commercial publishers. The projects highlighted for the award were: chemical reduction in parts washing and preparation; water usage reduction; and a complete lighting retrofit. Goss reduced 405 gallons of hazardous chemicals used in their process that resulted in a 695 pound reduction of phosphates discharged to wastewater treatment plant. In addition, 314,600 gallons of water and 1,084,115 kWh of energy were saved, returning \$120,000 to the company.

Symmetry Medical PolyVac offers cost effective solutions to organizing and protecting valuable medical instruments. In the last year, they implemented many environmental projects, including a coolant recovery program, optimized cost recovery from recycling programs and Environmental Management System introduction and awareness training programs. Their projects drove a movement to reduce their global footprint while building employee morale, awareness and self-empowerment. They reduced their chemical usage by 330 gallons and

energy by 263,517 kWh and saved the company approximately \$2M in the last year. In addition, 21.8 tons of polypropylene chips were kept out of landfills through their recycling program.

Wirebelt Company of America is a family owned and operated manufacturer of stainless steel wire belt conveyers and conveyer belting. The company incorporated a program into the business model that promotes environmental stewardship and responsibility. The company changed their product from a plastic to steel belt which is 100% recyclable and takes less time to clean, thus reducing water and chemical usage. In addition, they have instituted a “20 by 10 Initiative” that is will lead to a 20% reduction in energy usage each year by 5%. In the last six years, they have reduced their total energy consumption by 200,000 kWh.

Contact the New Hampshire Pollution Prevention Program at 603-271-0878 or NHPPP@des.nh.gov to see how your company can benefit from implementing pollution prevention strategies or visit the NHPPP’s website at (<http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/p2au/pps/ppp/index.htm>) for more information on pollution prevention activities and programs.

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