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**Donaldson Company Announces 2019 Patent Recipients  
and Inventor Award Winners**

*Employees' groundbreaking work is key to solving  
some of the world's most complex filtration challenges*

MINNEAPOLIS (August 5, 2020)—Donaldson Company, Inc. (NYSE:DCI), a leading worldwide manufacturer of filtration products and solutions, is honoring 149 individuals who earned patents in calendar year 2019 and 5 employees who received Inventor Awards. The awards recognize employees' innovative accomplishments and the vital role they play in Donaldson's continued success as a leader in the filtration industry.

“The world's filtration needs continue to evolve, and Donaldson's engineering, technology and operations teams develop the innovative solutions that anticipate and meet these needs and fulfill our purpose—advancing filtration for a cleaner world” said Michael Wynblatt, Donaldson's vice president and chief technology officer. “With over 1,800 active patents and significant contributions to the design of filtration media, materials and products, our employees are vital to solving some of the world's most complex filtration challenges. These awards recognize their groundbreaking work.”

The Technology Achievement Award is given to an individual or team who has developed a material, product, process or method that has made an extraordinary contribution to Donaldson's long-term success. This year's winner is the Turbo-Tek Family of High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) products for Gas Turbine Systems, awarded to Greg Tronnes, Senior Engineer, Media Technology; Jason Tiffany, Global Quality Manager, Integrated Venting Solutions; and Giancarlo Izzi, Data Science Engineer, Corporate Technology.

The Emerging Innovator Award recognizes innovative technical leadership from those with fewer than 10 years of experience at Donaldson. This year's winner is Brad Hauser, Principal Scientist, Chemistry.

The Richard M. Negri Manufacturing Excellence Award, named for a past V.P. of Operations, whose many contributions greatly advanced Donaldson's global operations, recognizes an individual who has created and implemented significant process technology/product improvements for manufacturing operations. This year's awardee is Jeff Smith, Director of Operations, Liquid/Aerospace and Defense.

The Technology Champion Award recognizes an individual who advances a technology or process that challenged conventional practices, and proved to be both valuable and successful. David Gutman, EMEA Engineering Director, Industrial Air Filtration, is this year's recipient.

The Frank A. Donaldson Award, named after the company's founder, recognizes long-term engineering achievement(s). This year's awardee is Steve Gieseke, Engineering Manager, Global Business Development, Engine Air.

### **About Donaldson Company**

Founded in 1915, Donaldson Company is a global leader in the filtration industry with sales, manufacturing and distribution locations around the world. Donaldson's innovative filtration technologies are designed to solve complex filtration challenges and enhance customers' equipment performance. For more information, visit [www.Donaldson.com](http://www.Donaldson.com).

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