

**DONALDSON ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE 9TH ANNUAL INVENTOR AWARDS**  
***Annual awards recognize employees who contribute to Donaldson success***

MINNEAPOLIS, MN –April 12, 2011 – Donaldson Company, Inc. (NYSE:DCI) a leading worldwide manufacturer of filtration systems and parts, is pleased to announce the winners of the Company's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Inventor Awards given to employees whose work on various technology innovations help ensure Donaldson's continuing success as a leader in filtration technology.

Frank A Donaldson Award

The Frank A. Donaldson Award is given to individuals who have ten years minimum with the company and have demonstrated outstanding, long-term engineering achievement, which has made a positive impact on Donaldson products and technologies.

Winners: Dick Osendorf, Principal Engineer, and John Hacker, Director, Liquid Filtration

Richard M. Negri Manufacturing Excellence Awards

The Richard M. Negri Manufacturing Excellence Award is given to Donaldson employees who have created and implemented significant process technology and/or product improvements for the Company's manufacturing operations.

Winners: Art Faircloth, Sr. Manufacturing Engineer, and Kevin Schrage, Sr. Engineer

Technology Achievement Award

The Technology Achievement Award is given to an employee who has developed a material, product, process or method that has made an extraordinary contribution to Donaldson's long-term success.

Winner: Edwin Tang, Engineering Manager  
Product: Recycle of Activate Tablet

Emerging Innovator

The Emerging Innovator Award recognizes innovative technical leadership from relative "newcomers" (less than 10 years) within the organization.

Winners: Michael Baseotto, Application and Development Engineer, and Mike Hebert, Sr. Engineer

Technology Champion Award

The Technology Champion Award is given to the individual who advances a technology or process despite significant hurdles but that later is recognized as a thought-leader by his/her peers as an early-adopter, out-of-the-box thinker within Donaldson.

Winner: Andrew Dallas, Corporate Scientist

"Donaldson has a long history of designing industry-leading filtration technologies," said Bill Cook, Chairman, President and CEO at Donaldson. "These awards give us the opportunity to thank the many employees who are instrumental in developing the filtration technologies that meet and exceed our Customers' needs for industrial and engine filtration around the world. Their loyalty and dedication to Donaldson is greatly appreciated and I congratulate them on their success."

**About Donaldson Company**

Donaldson is a leading worldwide provider of filtration systems that improve people's lives, enhance our Customers' equipment performance, and protect our environment. We are a technology-driven Company committed to satisfying our Customers' needs for filtration solutions through innovative research and development, application expertise, and global presence. Our 12,500 employees contribute to the Company's success by supporting our Customers at our more than 100 sales, manufacturing, and distribution locations around the world.

Donaldson is a member of the S&P MidCap 400 and Russell 1000 indices, and our shares trade on the NYSE under the symbol DCI. Additional information is available at [www.donaldson.com](http://www.donaldson.com).

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