

## **Donaldson Company to Provide New York School Buses with EPA-Approved Emissions Control Devices Through NYSERDA Grant Program**

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan 7, 2004 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Donaldson Company Inc. (NYSE:DCI) today announced that it will provide 1,100 EPA-approved emissions control devices for the New York State Clean Air School Bus Program sponsored by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). Donaldson will work with 41 New York school districts to retrofit their buses with Donaldson Diesel Oxidation Catalyst (DOC) mufflers and Spiracle(TM) crankcase filter emission control devices.

The New York State Clean Air School Bus Program, authorized by the 1996 Clean Water/Clean Air Act, awarded \$5 million to 74 school districts for retrofitting school buses to reduce emissions. The School Bus program recognizes projects that maximize the environmental, energy and economic benefits of introducing emissions-reducing technology for diesel-powered school bus fleets and accelerating the introduction of these technologies into the market.

"We are pleased to see NYSERDA take this initiative, which is the first like it in the United States, to reduce school bus emissions," said Fred Schmidt, director of sales, Emissions Group, Donaldson Company. "The program represents a commitment from the Governor of New York to reduce the effects of diesel-related emissions. Retrofits will reduce emissions of particulate matter, hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide and toxic air pollutants. Donaldson's DOC muffler/Spiracle retrofit package offers a cost-effective alternative to reducing emissions compared to purchasing new school buses."

### **DOC Muffler and Spiracle Filtration Systems**

Donaldson's "systems approach" to reducing emissions eliminates both tailpipe and crankcase emissions, eliminating up to 50 percent of total engine emissions. By comparison, competing systems eliminate tailpipe emissions alone, typically delivering a 15 percent reduction. Donaldson's system can be used across a broad range of school bus engines and will accommodate most fuels, including low and ultra low sulfur diesel, as well as biodiesel. This system provides years of trouble-free performance on properly maintained engines.

The DOC muffler/Spiracle filtration system is verified for use in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Voluntary Retrofit Program and is the only system to receive Level 1 verification in the California Air Resources Board's (ARB) Diesel Risk Reduction Program. Contact the Donaldson Emissions Group at 866-675-2847 for more information.

### **About Donaldson Company, Inc.**

Donaldson Company, Inc., headquartered in Minneapolis, Minn., is a leading worldwide provider of filtration systems and replacement parts. Founded in 1915, Donaldson is a technology-driven company committed to satisfying customer needs for filtration solutions through innovative research and development. Donaldson serves customers in the industrial and engine markets including dust collection, power generation, specialty filtration, compressed air purification, off-road equipment, industrial compressors, and the on-road markets for heavy trucks and light vehicles. More than 9,000 employees contribute to the company's success at 34 manufacturing locations around the world. In fiscal year 2003, Donaldson reported sales of more than \$1.2 billion and achieved its 14th consecutive year of double-digit earnings growth. Donaldson is a member of the S&P MidCap 400 Index, and Donaldson shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol DCI. Additional company information is available at [www.donaldson.com](http://www.donaldson.com).

(Editor Note: Digital photos of the DOC muffler and Spiracle closed crankcase ventilation filtration systems are available upon request. E-mail [jkovala@mail.donaldson.com](mailto:jkovala@mail.donaldson.com).)

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