



## **Donaldson Announces Winners of the 11th Annual Inventor Awards**

*Annual awards recognize employees who contribute to Donaldson success*

Donaldson Company, Inc. (NYSE:DCI) a leading worldwide manufacturer of filtration systems and parts, is pleased to announce the winners of the Company's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Inventor Awards given to employees whose work on various technology innovations have contributed to Donaldson's continued success as a leader in filtration technology.

### Frank A. Donaldson Award

The Frank A. Donaldson Award is given to individuals who have minimum of 10 years of experience at Donaldson and have demonstrated outstanding, long-term engineering achievement which has made a positive impact on Donaldson products and technologies.

Winner: Dan Risch, Corporate Technology, Sr. Engineer, based in Bloomington, MN

### Richard M. Negri Manufacturing Excellence Award

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.

Winner: Daniele Olivieri, Quality Department, Quality Manager, based in Ostiglia, Italy

### 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: Ming Ouyang, Corporate Technology, Corporate Scientist, based in Bloomington, MN

### Emerging Innovator Award

The Emerging Innovator Award recognizes innovative technical leadership from those with fewer than 10 years of experience at Donaldson.

Winners: Jake Savstrom, Corporate Technology, Sr. Mechanical Engineer, based in Bloomington, MN and Dan Little, Engine Air Filtration, Engineer, based in Bloomington, MN

### Technology Champion Award

The Technology Champion Award recognizes an individual who advances a technology or process against popular opinion which is later recognized as the right thing to do.

Winner: Thomas De Paepe, Engine, Lab Supervisor, based in Leuven, Belgium

"Our product engineering, technology, and operations staffs around the world have been instrumental in continually developing the new filtration technologies that meet our Customers' evolving needs," said Bill Cook, Donaldson's CEO. "Their hard work, dedication, and superior results are essential for our continued success and the achievement of our Company's Sales Goals of \$3 billion and \$5 billion in FY16 and FY21, respectively. These awards are an important way for our Company to recognize those individuals who have made significant contributions to maintaining our filtration technology leadership position. I congratulate each of them on their achievements which are greatly appreciated by our Customers and our Shareholders."

### **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 nearly 12,800 employees contribute to the Company's success by supporting our Customers at our more than 140 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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