

DONALDSON EARNS GOVERNOR'S SAFETY AWARD

MINNEAPOLIS – September 23, 2010 - Donaldson Company (NYSE:DCI), a leading worldwide designer and manufacturer of filtration systems and parts, is pleased to announce that the Kentucky Labor Cabinet has awarded the Governor's Safety and Health Award to the Company's Nicholasville, Kentucky plant.

The award, known as the Governor's Safety and Health Award, provides special recognition for outstanding safety and health performance and encourages development of programs designed to reduce and even eliminate occupational injuries and illnesses. The Governor's Safety and Health Award is given to employers and their employees, who together have achieved the minimum required number of hours worked without experiencing a lost-time injury or illness at their establishment.

"The awareness and promotion of safety as the first item on everyone's mind each day is our goal," stated Tony James, Donaldson Nicholasville Plant Manager. "It is an honor for the team to be recognized for all of their efforts with this special award."

"Safety is a core value and competency at Donaldson," said Don Bezek, manager - Environmental, Health and Safety, at Donaldson Company. "The protection of our employees and guests is our highest priority. Nicholasville receiving this Award recognizes the critical importance we place on improving our safety performance through the implementation of standardized and best practices throughout the organization."

Commenting on the Governor's Safety Award program, Michael Dixon, Commissioner of Department of Workplace Standards, said: "An effective safety and health program is an indicator of a successful organization. Employers, like Donaldson, understand that protecting employees is not only the right thing to do - it's also a good business practice."

Every establishment within the geographical boundaries of the state of Kentucky is eligible for this award. An establishment may qualify for the award if its employees together achieved the required number of hours worked without experiencing a lost-time injury or illness. During 2009-2010 there were only 48 companies who received the award.

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 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.

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