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**Phillips Plastics Corporation® Earns Recognition as a John Deere “Partner-level Supplier”**

**Phillips, Wisconsin** – Phillips Plastics has earned recognition as a Partner-level supplier for 2007 in the John Deere Achieving Excellence Program. The Partner-level status is Deere & Company’s highest supplier rating. Phillips was selected for the honor in recognition of its dedication to providing products and service of outstanding quality as well as its commitment to continuous improvement. Company employees accepted the recognition during formal ceremonies held in Moline, Illinois.

Phillips Plastics is a supplier of lawn & garden component tractor assemblies to John Deere’s operation in Horicon, Wisconsin.

Suppliers who participate in the Achieving Excellence program are evaluated annually in several key performance categories, including quality, cost management, delivery, technical support and wavelength, which is a measure of responsiveness. John Deere Supply Management created the program in 1991 to provide a supplier evaluation and feedback process that promotes continuous improvement.

**About Phillips Plastics**

Phillips Plastics Corporation is a forty-three year-old custom injection molder of plastic and metal with annual sales of over \$260 million. The Company employs 1,600 people in 15 locations throughout the United States, occupying over 620,000 square feet, including design centers in Wisconsin and California, and provides complete services from concept design, rapid prototyping, and tooling through production, assembly, packaging, and distribution to virtually every market. [www.phillipsplastics.com](http://www.phillipsplastics.com)

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