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SUBJECT: Flags fly as Phillips Plastics Corporation facilities join Green Tier

MENOMONIE – Two high-technology Phillips Plastics Corporation® facilities – Phillips Medical and Metal Injection Molding – raised Green Tier flags today as they joined other dynamic, forward thinking companies that make environmental responsibility a part of their corporate culture.

The flags are a proud symbol of the company's commitment to go above and beyond government rules and regulations to reduce the impact of manufacturing on the environment.

Phillips Plastics Corporation is a native, state-of-the-art Wisconsin company, specializing in custom injection molding of plastic, metal, ceramic and silicone.

"Phillips Plastics Corporation is demonstrating its community business leadership today," DNR Secretary Matt Frank said. "By raising the Green Tier flags at its two high-tech facilities, Phillips Plastics is demonstrating its commitment to environmental excellence and economic growth. The two go hand-in-hand."

The people of Phillips Plastics simultaneously raised three new Green Tier flags at their Menomonie campus today, generating cheers from assembled Phillips people and visiting dignitaries. Earlier this year a flag was raised at the Phillips Medical-New Richmond facility when it was first accepted into the Green Tier program.

The Phillips Medical facility consists of three buildings manufacturing products for the medical and pharmaceutical industries. Their Environmental Management System, ISO 14001 certified since 2001, focuses on employee education, waste reduction, recycling and energy use. Recent energy efficient lighting upgrades have lead to a 3.76 million kWh reduction in their electrical consumption per year.

Metal Injection Molding is a 30,000-square-foot facility that manufactures high precision stainless steel components using state-of-the-art techniques. Their Environmental Management System was certified to ISO 14001 standards in 2005. Like Phillips Medical, Metal Injection Molding maintains an extensive recycling program to reduce its solid waste, reviews all new projects and parts for possible emissions and recyclability, and strongly encourages their people to be environmental stewards beyond the work place.

As Green Tier participants, managers at both facilities plan to utilize ideas and methods generated by employees to continually improve their environmental performance. Additional Phillips facilities are working on applications to become Green Tier participants.

"From the beginning, Phillips Plastics Corporation has not only strived to be a leader in technologies and processes, but also in environmental stewardship. It has taken Phillips Plastics' commitment, along with our environmental partners to achieve this award," comments Skip Swanson, Metal Injection Molding Plant Manager. "We are honored to receive this award and look forward to our continued commitment to being outstanding environmental stewards."

Governor Jim Doyle signed Green Tier into law in 2004 to encourage a collaborative approach to environmental performance between the DNR and Wisconsin businesses. As part of Green Tier, Wisconsin organizations voluntarily commit to reduce their environmental footprint by developing and implementing environmental management systems. These systems act as a roadmap, presenting organizations the opportunity to adopt new technologies and practices to continually improve their environmental performance.

Both Phillips Plastics Corporation facilities, Phillips Medical and Metal Injection Molding, are Tier 1 participants in Green Tier. In exchange for a commitment to superior environmental performance the DNR grants benefits to Tier 1 participants including annual recognition, a logo used by all Green Tier companies and a collaborative relationship to assure compliance and superior environmental performance. DNR and Phillips Plastics Corporation see this relationship as an advantage for both business and the environment.

For more information on Green Tier and Phillips Plastics Corporation's efforts, visit

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cea/environmental/participants/phillips/index.htm>.