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Phillips Plastics Corporation[®] Saves \$750,000 through Energy Efficiency Efforts
- Focus on Energy provides \$400,000 to boost energy saving efforts -

Madison, Wis. (September 15, 2009)—A company-wide commitment to environmental stewardship from the shop floor to top management has led Phillips Plastics Corporation[®], with facilities in Phillips, Eau Claire, Hudson, New Richmond, Medford, Menomonie and Prescott, Wis., to save more than \$750,000 on its energy bills each year. This will not only help the manufacturer save money, but protect the environment and keep jobs in Wisconsin.

Phillips Plastic Corporation received \$400,000 in financial incentives from Focus on Energy, Wisconsin's statewide resource for energy efficiency and renewable energy, to complete energy saving projects that will save more than 8.5 million kilowatt-hours of electricity and 78,000 therms of natural gas annually—enough energy to power 940 Wisconsin homes for a year.

Since 2002, Phillips Plastics has completed energy assessments at all 15 of its buildings to find cost-effective ways to save energy including traditional applications, innovative technologies, energy management plans and high-performance equipment upgrades. Major projects include:

- Numerous plant-wide lighting upgrades, including advanced controls where appropriate
- Adding variable speed drives on heating, cooling and ventilation equipment at multiple sites
- Installing energy efficient compressed air equipment
- Upgrading ventilation equipment in multiple sites
- Installing cutting edge chilled water technology at two sites
- Completing numerous feasibility studies to determine which projects to pursue

“Through our continued partnership with Focus on Energy, we were able to implement a multitude of projects,” said Dan Andersen, corporate safety, health and environment manager at Phillips Plastics Corporation. “Our selection process for projects is rather rigorous and through the financial savings, incentives, energy conservation and maintenance savings many of these projects

have been implemented. These projects have our staff discussing additional ways we can conserve energy which protects our natural resources and has a very nice contribution to the bottom line.”

Not only do these upgrades save Phillips Plastics money, but they are also environmentally friendly. The annual environmental benefits are equivalent to taking 1,500 cars off the road – eliminating 15.4 million pounds of carbon dioxide (CO₂) from being released into the atmosphere.

And, Phillips Plastics didn’t stop at energy savings. The company has partnered with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources through its Wisconsin Green Tier Program to demonstrate its commitment to environmental excellence. The manufacturer has also been honored as a 2009 Wisconsin Business Friend of the Environment by the Wisconsin Environmental Working Group and Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce for demonstrated leadership with environmental stewardship.

“Phillips Plastics has shown constant dedication to keep energy efficiency at the forefront of its operations and through every step of the manufacturing process,” said Ken Williams, Focus on Energy’s business programs director. “From fostering employee involvement to considering new energy ideas, PPC strives to save energy in all aspects of its business from its offices to the production floor.”

Focus on Energy can help businesses and residents across the state identify and evaluate energy-saving opportunities, provide specific recommendations, develop energy management plans, arrange technical training opportunities about energy conservation and offer financial incentives. For more information, call (800) 762-7077 or visit focusonenergy.com.

About Phillips Plastics Corporation

Phillips Plastics Corporation[®] is a premier source for the design, manufacture, and distribution of custom plastic, metal, and ceramic injection molded components and finished devices. Serving original equipment manufacturers since 1964, the company is ranked as one of the top 30 custom injection molders in the United States. With a comprehensive offering of state-of-the-art manufacturing technologies, Phillips has helped countless customers raise the bar for products that possess the best combination of performance and aesthetics. For more information visit phillipsplastics.com.

About Focus on Energy

Focus on Energy works with eligible Wisconsin residents and businesses to install cost effective energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. Focus information, resources and financial incentives help to implement projects that otherwise would not be completed, or to complete projects sooner than scheduled. Its efforts help Wisconsin residents and businesses manage rising energy costs, promote in-state economic development, protect our environment and control the state’s growing demand for electricity and natural gas. For more information, call (800) 762-7077 or visit focusonenergy.com.

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