

Freudenberg's Sealing Experts in the US Earn Recognition as a John Deere Partner-Level Supplier

PLYMOUTH, Mich., Jan. 17, 2017 – Freudenberg-NOK Sealing Technologies—which runs the business operations for Freudenberg Sealing Technologies in the Americas—understands what it takes to “run like a Deere.” The global sealing manufacturer was recently recognized as a Partner-level supplier in North America by John Deere Power Systems during John Deere's Achieving Excellence (AE) Supplier Conference in Bettendorf, Iowa. Partner-level status is John Deere's highest supplier rating.

Freudenberg-NOK supplies John Deere Power Systems with a variety of engine and fluid power, transmission and axle components including radial shaft seals, valve stem seals, Plug & Seal connectors, gaskets and rod and piston sealing packages. The company also works closely with John Deere Power Systems on product development activities and technical engineering programs such as Value Analysis and Value Engineering.

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, 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.

“Achieving Partner status with John Deere Power Systems is the culmination of nearly two decades of highly productive relations between our companies,” said Joel Johnson, Vice President of Freudenberg-NOK's Mobile Machinery sector. “We are honored to receive this top supplier rating and gratified that our years of service to John Deere Power Systems have helped the organization prosper and grow.”

Freudenberg-NOK provides high quality components and technical support to John Deere Power Systems in North America through several manufacturing facilities including those located in Milan, Ohio, Manchester, N. H., Northfield, N.H., Cleveland, Ga., Troy, Ohio, Morristown, Ind. and Cuautla, Mexico. Facilities that were rated attained nearly perfect point scores from John Deere Power Systems in a broad variety of categories including technology delivery and process innovation, order fulfillment, part conformity, cost management, warranty, material compliance, product resolution and risk evaluation and management.

“Our teams representing elastomeric gaskets, axle and engine cassette seals, valve stem seals, fluid power products, radial shaft seals, and specialty molded products have collaborated with each other in critically important business areas to achieve excellent

customer satisfaction,” Johnson noted. “Our ongoing focus on innovation and continuous improvement have been core to our success.”

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About Freudenberg-NOK Sealing Technologies

Freudenberg-NOK Sealing Technologies runs the business operations for Freudenberg Sealing Technologies (FST) in the Americas. Being part of the global Freudenberg Group, the company is a leading producer of advanced sealing technologies for a variety of markets including: aerospace; agriculture; appliance; automotive; construction; diesel engine; energy; food and beverage; heavy industry; and pharmaceutical. Freudenberg-NOK Sealing Technologies is a joint venture between FST and NOK Corp. in Japan, is headquartered in Plymouth, Mich. and operates more than 20 facilities across the Americas. For additional information, please visit www.fst.com.