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Commissioner of Indiana Department of Labor Honors Indiana Sites of the Bristol-Myers Squibb Company with Safety Award

Indianapolis, IN May 25, 2007 – Indiana Department of Labor (IDOL) Commissioner Lori A. Torres is proud to announce the Bristol-Myers Squibb Company's pharmaceutical manufacturing facilities in Evansville and Mount Vernon have achieved Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) "Star" status.

VPP, Indiana's Voluntary Protection Program was established to recognize and promote safety and health management programs throughout the state. All companies, regardless of size or business, can participate in VPP - where management and employees work together to create and maintain a healthy working environment.

The award ceremonies were held on Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at each Southern Indiana location. The ceremonies provided an opportunity for company employees and management to showcase their exemplary status to the media, state officials, and local elected officials. Commissioner Torres communicates her goal for VPP, "As the Commissioner of Labor, I am committed to the growth and expansion of this program throughout the entire manufacturing industry in Indiana. This is an exemplary achievement for the pharmaceutical industry. I am proud that both of these sites have proven to be productive and safe work environments."

Bristol-Myers Squibb's primary operations at their Indiana facilities include finishing, packaging, warehousing, and providing laboratory support and quality control operation for the pharmaceutical industry. "Our commitment to providing the highest quality medicines for patients in need goes hand-in-hand with our commitment to workplace safety," stated Carlo de Notaristefani, President Technical Operations, Bristol-Myers Squibb. Together, both sites employ more than 600 full-time and more than 70 contract and temporary employees.

To qualify for VPP "Star" status an organization's Total Case Incident Rate (TCIR) must be below that of the industry's average for the their respective Standard Industrial Classification (SIC)/North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The company's Evansville location TCIR average is 70.4% lower than that of the industry's average. The Mount Vernon location TCIR was a reported 25.9% below that of the industry's average. "These rates are amazing achievements—achievements that management and labor should be proud of showcasing," added Torres.

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