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Bayer Honors Top 12 Suppliers

PITTSBURGH--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 9, 2006--Bayer Corporation (NYSE:BAY) today honored its top 12 North American suppliers with the corporation's Look of a Leader Award for 2005 performance.

The winners, selected annually, were chosen from among thousands of suppliers that provide Bayer with more than \$5 billion in raw materials, services and supplies for Bayer MaterialScience, Bayer HealthCare, Bayer CropScience and Bayer Corporate & Business Services operations.

Honored were Advantage Health Care Packaging Ltd. of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada; Baytown Ace Machine, Ltd., of Baytown, Texas; Carrier Corporation of Houston, Texas; Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc., of Braintree, Mass.; Convergys of Cincinnati, Ohio; Fersinsa Gb, SA de CV of Coahuila, Mexico; GE Corporate Payment Services of Salt Lake City, Utah; Hexion Specialty Chemicals of Baton Rouge, La.; Slay Transportation Company, Inc., of St. Louis, Mo.; Sunjut Corporation of Batavia, Ill.; Vitusa Products, Inc., of Berkeley Heights, N.J.; and Wesco Distribution, Inc., of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bayer's premier suppliers meet rigorous quality, performance, technology and cost reduction criteria, according to Bayer Chief Procurement Officer Tim Roseberry. "These best-in-class suppliers are as diverse as Bayer itself and the customers we serve. Their commitment to ever-increasing levels of customer service is the common cord that binds them all together as winners," Roseberry said.

Bayer Corporation, headquartered in Pittsburgh, is part of the worldwide Bayer Group, an international health care, nutrition and innovative materials group based in Leverkusen, Germany. In North America, Bayer had 2005 net sales of 7.3 billion euros and employed 16,200 at year end. Bayer's three operating companies -- Bayer HealthCare LLC, Bayer CropScience LP and Bayer MaterialScience LLC -- improve people's lives through a broad range of essential products that help diagnose and treat diseases, protect crops and advance automobile safety and durability.

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