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**SUBJECT:** **Thoughtful Neighbor Lucas-Milhaupt Joins Green Tier's Tier 2**

CUDAHY, Wis – Lucas-Milhaupt, Inc. today became the second participant in Tier 2 of Wisconsin's innovative Green Tier program. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) representatives and other visitors to Lucas-Milhaupt's Cudahy headquarters saw the importance of the company's long standing commitment to superior environmental performance given the proximity of several dozen nearby residential homes and Park View Elementary School.

Lucas-Milhaupt, a producer of metal-joining products and brazing/soldering technology, is dedicated to minimizing its overall environmental impact, and can already point to several accomplishments:

- Several years ago the company used its last hazardous air pollutant (HAP);
- Lucas-Milhaupt reduced air emissions to such a low level that the company is no longer required to report air emissions to DNR;
- Lucas-Milhaupt shed its status as a large-quantity generator of hazardous waste under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's guidelines, and since 2003 has remained a small-quantity generator while increasing production by 50 percent; and
- Lucas-Milhaupt has also reduced energy use through more efficient lighting, and the company conserves water by filtering waste water and using cooling methods other than municipal well water.

"Lucas-Milhaupt is an excellent example of an environmentally conscious business," said DNR Secretary Matthew Frank.

"Lucas-Milhaupt is leading the way in showing how Wisconsin's industries can grow while becoming more sensitive to the planet and our natural resources. The environmental record over the last few years is clear: Lucas-Milhaupt has increased its productivity and the environment hasn't paid the price."

With its history of environmental excellence, Lucas-Milhaupt is a welcome partner in Green Tier. Green Tier was signed 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 reducing their environmental footprint by developing proactive management strategies. These plans act as a roadmap, presenting

organizations the opportunity to adopt new technologies and practices to continually improve their environmental performance.

In exchange for a commitment to superior environmental performance, the department grants considerable benefits to Tier 2 participants including a single point of contact with the department for easier communications, the use of the Green Tier logo in marketing, and annual public recognition of participation. Tier 2 participants are also eligible to negotiate regulatory flexibility proportional to their environmental commitments. Lucas-Milhaupt, however, has elected to forego any such flexibility at this time.

“We are very pleased to be recognized by the DNR as a Green Tier participant. Lucas-Milhaupt believes we have a responsibility to our employees and neighbors within the community to provide an environmentally safe yet productive workplace,” replied Joseph Mockus, President of Lucas-Milhaupt, North America.

As a Green Tier participant, Lucas-Milhaupt will expand its environmental performance. Efforts are underway to reduce or eliminate the few volatile organic compounds (VOCs) remaining in production processes. The company is developing a collection system for its milling processes, and it’s seeking to reduce plastic spool waste.

As a Tier 2 participant, Lucas-Milhaupt will also convene semiannual meetings of stakeholders and solicit public comments on its environmental performance. Stakeholders can include anyone living, working or operating a business near the facility as well as any other entity with an interest in Lucas-Milhaupt’s Green Tier participation.

For more information on Green Tier and Lucas-Milhaupt, visit [Lucas-Milhaupt's Green Tier page](#).