

## A New John Deere Award

### Freudenberg Sealing Technologies Earns Recognition as a John Deere Agriculture & Turf Partner-Level Supplier

**Weinheim (Germany), April 25, 2017** – For the second time this year, Deere & Company has awarded Freudenberg Sealing Technologies a Partner-Level Supplier status based on outstanding performance, quality and service achievements. The company's Agriculture & Turf division recently honored Freudenberg's manufacturing operations with this highest supplier recognition award. Earlier this year, John Deere Power Systems had already presented Partner-Level Supplier status to Freudenberg.

Partner-Level Suppliers are evaluated through Deere's Achieving Excellence (AE) program. Freudenberg Sealing Technologies' AE program scores attest to the company's outstanding performance in quality, on-time delivery, cost management and technical support. The company has worked with John Deere for more than 80 years and provides its Agriculture & Turf unit with accumulators and suspension systems, among other products.

Since 1991, Deere & Company has annually reviewed suppliers to all of its business units using its AE program. The program incorporates key metrics in areas including quality, technology and innovation, on-time delivery and company culture. In this process, Freudenberg Sealing Technologies achieved a score of 494 out of 500 possible points this year.

"We are very pleased to have received this award since it acknowledges our strong customer orientation and our continuing efforts to achieve high quality in all key areas," said Angelika Mulac, Segment Director Agriculture & Material Handling at Freudenberg Sealing Technologies. "We are very proud of the evaluation because we received a similarly high positive rating in both North America and Europe. This shows our employees' exemplary global cooperation."

*Image: Freudenberg becomes John Deere Agriculture & Turf Partner-Level Supplier.jpg*

*Caption: from the left: Rainer Schmidt (Account Manager Freudenberg Sealing Technologies), Angelika Mulac (Segment Director Agriculture & Material Handling Freudenberg Sealing Technologies), Pierre Gyout (VP Global Supply Management & Logistics John Deere), Richard Czarnecki (VP Agriculture & Turf, Global Supply Management), Thorsten Kurz (Product Marketing Freudenberg Sealing Technologies).*

### **About Freudenberg Sealing Technologies**

As the leading specialist in sealing applications and their markets, Freudenberg Sealing Technologies is a supplier as well as a development and service partner serving customers in a wide variety of sectors including the automotive industry, civil aviation, mechanical engineering, shipbuilding, the food and pharmaceuticals industries, and agricultural and construction machinery. In 2016, Freudenberg Sealing Technologies generated sales of more than €2.3 billion and employed approximately 15,000 people. More information at [www.fst.com](http://www.fst.com)

The company is part to the global Freudenberg Group which, with its Business Areas Seals and Vibration Control Technology, Nonwovens and Filtration, Household Products as well as Specialities and Others. In 2015, the Group generated sales of approximately €8.6 billion and employed more than 48,000 associates in around 60 countries. More information is available at [www.freudenberg.com](http://www.freudenberg.com).

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