



EPA Selects Lennox Industries as an Energy Star Manufacturer of the Year

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DALLAS, April 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has selected Lennox Industries Inc., a subsidiary of Lennox International Inc. (NYSE: LII), as an Energy Star Manufacturer of the Year for Lennox' outstanding contribution to making and promoting energy-efficient products. It is the first time a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) manufacturer has been chosen for the annual EPA award.

"The Energy Star program couldn't be such a success without the commitment of partners like Lennox Industries," said Kathleen Hogan, director of EPA's Climate Protection Partners Division. "These awards are our chance to recognize those partners who, by manufacturing and promoting Energy Star, helped put more than 750 million Energy Star qualified products into American households over the past decade."

Energy Star award winners are selected from thousands of organizations that participate in the program.

"Lennox Industries is committed to providing both homeowners and business owners with the most energy efficient products possible," said Bob Schjerven, chief executive officer, Lennox International Inc. "Being selected by the EPA as an Energy Star Manufacturer of the Year honors that high level of commitment."

Schjerven noted Lennox Industries' recent introduction of the HSX19 air conditioner -- the most quiet and efficient central air conditioner in the industry, according to manufacturer's published ratings -- as just one compelling example of the company's leadership position. "In every aspect of their business -- from products to consumer education, to technical education and training -- Lennox Industries is sending and continually reinforcing a strong message about the importance of using energy more efficiently."

Virtually all products in Lennox' Dave Lennox Signature(TM) Collection of top-of-the-line HVAC products meet Energy Star requirements. In addition, national consumer education campaigns, featuring a message of energy efficiency, resulted in over half a billion impressions in 2002. Consumers can also find out more about the importance of energy efficient HVAC products at the Lennox Industries consumer site (www.lennox.com), which features a dedicated Energy Star page. Several of the products in Lennox' L Series(R) line of commercial HVAC equipment, featuring the industry's Lowest LifeCycle Cost(TM) savings, recently received an award from the Department of Energy related to savings on lifecycle costs.

Highly active in several key energy utility programs in Texas, California, New England, Oregon, and soon Utah, Lennox Industries also participated in the Energy Star Cool Change promotion, helping to communicate the important message consumers can save money through buying high efficiency HVAC products. Partly because of its promotion of Energy Star and energy efficiency, Lennox was also recently recognized as Good Housekeeping Marketer of the Year.

Energy Star was introduced by the US Environmental Protection Agency in 1992 as a voluntary market-based partnership to reduce air pollution through increased energy efficiency. Today, with assistance from the Department of Energy, the program offers businesses and consumers energy-efficient solutions to save energy, money and help protect the environment for future generations. More than 7,000 organizations have become Energy Star partners and are committed to improving the energy efficiency of products, homes and businesses. For more information, visit www.energystar.gov or call toll-free 1-888-STAR-YES (1-888-782-7937).

A leading manufacturer of residential and light commercial heating, ventilation, and air conditioning equipment, Lennox Industries is a subsidiary of Lennox International Inc. Lennox International is a global leader in the heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration markets. Lennox International stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "LII". Additional information is available at: <http://www.lennoxinternational.com> or by contacting Karen O'Shea, vice president, communications and public relations, at 972-497-5172.

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