

Lennox Industries Honored By EPA ENERGY STAR(R) Program for Second Consecutive Year

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DALLAS, Feb. 9 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- For the second consecutive year, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Energy (DOE) have selected Lennox Industries Inc., a subsidiary of Lennox International Inc. (NYSE: LII), as an ENERGY STAR(R) Manufacturer of the Year for Lennox' outstanding contribution to developing, manufacturing, and promoting energy- efficient products. Lennox is the only heating, ventilation, and air conditioning manufacturer ever to be chosen for the annual EPA award.

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"Partners like Lennox exemplify the success of ENERGY STAR," said Kathleen Hogan, director of EPA's Climate Protection Partnerships Division. "By offering the latest and greatest products that are also energy efficient, the consumer wins and so does the environment. Lennox' products show you really can have it all -- features and energy savings."

While thousands of organizations participate in the ENERGY STAR program, the award is presented to only a select few.

"Given our longstanding leadership role in not only promoting the message of energy efficiency, but developing industry-leading products that exemplify that message, we're honored to once again be selected for this special award by the EPA," said Bob Schjerven, chief executive officer, Lennox International Inc.

2003 was a record year for energy-efficient product introductions by Lennox, with nearly 90% of the new products in the Dave Lennox Signature(TM) Collection ENERGY STAR-qualified -- including eight new furnaces, air conditioners, and heat pumps. Lennox also continued to build alliances with utility companies across the United States, as well as spread the energy efficiency message through national consumer education campaigns. The ENERGY STAR message also found a prominent home on the company's website, www.lennox.com, which received more than one and a half million hits. Commercially, Lennox joined forces with the DOE to educate retail business owners on the importance of energy efficiency, including a lifecycle cost analysis that demonstrates how Lennox commercial rooftop units save 20% in overall energy efficiency, resulting in significantly lower utility bills.

"Through our product development, targeted promotions, dealer support, and educational marketing of our residential and commercial product lines, Lennox continuously reinforced the important message of energy efficiency through the ENERGY STAR program in 2003," Schjerven said. "We're proud of our achievements in this important area, and we fully intend to continue our leadership position."

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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