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**Ashland helps customer achieve
EPA environmental award**

DUBLIN, Ohio – Suzlon Rotor Corp. was recently awarded U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recognition for implementing a program from Ashland Distribution, a commercial unit of Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH). The company received the EPA's "Design for the Environment" formulator initiative award for its use of U.S. Polychemical Corp.'s Acrastrip® cleaning fluid instead of traditional acetone.

Acrastrip cleaning fluid is available exclusively through Ashland Distribution, and provides a safe non-flammable option for industrial cleaning in composite applications. A program designed by Ashland helps customers achieve EPA recognition for their environmental stewardship efforts when they switch to Acrastrip cleaning fluid from traditional acetone. It was through this program that Suzlon, a worldwide wind turbine manufacturer, received recognition from the EPA. The award was presented June 30.

The EPA recognizes Acrastrip cleaning fluid as a "Design for the Environment" product, and as such, customers who have successfully implemented a program with Acrastrip cleaning fluid can be recognized for that achievement. "Customers who use Acrastrip cleaner show a solid commitment to environmental stewardship," said Robert Craycraft, president, Ashland Distribution.

Customers interested in learning more about Acrastrip cleaning fluid and the "Design for the Environment" award should contact Joy Gallo, Ashland Distribution, at (614) 790-1945.

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Suzlon was ranked as the world's fifth leading wind turbine manufacturer in 2008.* The company has been ranked as the leading manufacturer in the Indian market for nine consecutive years, maintaining over 50 percent market share. Suzlon has its corporate offices in Pune, India, and the company's global spread is reflected in its projects and markets portfolio extending across Asia, Australia, Europe and North and South America.

Suzlon has established a strategic rotor blade manufacturing facility in Pipestone, Minn., Suzlon Rotor Corp. (SRC), to support its operations in the North American market. More information about Suzlon is available at www.suzlon.com.

Established in 1956, U.S. Polychemical Corp. provides the electronic, aerospace, metal working, plastics, military, recreational and automotive industries with hazardous solvent replacement chemicals and equipment. More information about U.S. Polychemical Corp. is available at www.uspoly.com.

Ashland Distribution, a commercial unit of Ashland Inc., is a leading distributor of chemicals, plastics, composite materials and environmental services.

Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH) provides specialty chemical products, services and solutions for many of the world's most essential needs and industries. Serving customers in more than 100 countries, it operates through five commercial units: Ashland Aqualon Functional Ingredients, Ashland Hercules Water Technologies, Ashland Performance Materials that also supplies specialty materials for the windmill blades, Ashland Consumer Markets (Valvoline) and Ashland Distribution. To learn more about Ashland, visit www.ashland.com.

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* BTM Consult ApS – World Market Update 2008