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## Press Release

## Bossard earns recognition as a John Deere "Partner-level Supplier"

Cedar Falls, IA, USA - Bossard North America, Inc. has earned recognition as a Part-ner-level supplier for 2012 in the John Deere Achieving Excellence Program. The Part-ner-level status is Deere \& Company's highest supplier rating.

The Zug Switzerland based company was selected for the honor in recognition of its dedication to providing products and services of outstanding quality as well as its commitment to continuous improvement. Bossard North America, Inc. is a supplier of fasteners, product solutions, application engineering, and customer logistics to John Deere's operation. It is the second time in the last four years that Bossard achieved Partner-level status.

Suppliers who participate in the Achieving Excellence program are evaluated annually in several key performance categories, including quality, cost management, delivery, technical support and wavelength, which is a measure of responsiveness. John Deere Supply Management created the program in 1991 to provide a supplier evaluation and feedback process that promotes continuous improvement.

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Profile:
Bossard is a leading supplier of intelligent solutions for industrial fastening technology. The company's complete portfolio for fasteners includes worldwide sales, technical consulting (engineering) and inventory management (logistics).

Its customers include local and multinational industrial companies who use Bossard's solutions to improve their productivity. Employing 1,800 people in over 60 locations around the world, the Group generated CHF 487 million in sales in 2012. Bossard is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.

