

**Press Release****Bossard Group****Highest Supplier Recognition Award from John Deere**

Zug, December 17, 2018 – **Bossard North America and Bossard Mexico has again earned recognition as a Partner-level supplier for 2018 in the John Deere Achieving Excellence Program. The Partner-level status is Deere & Company's highest supplier rating.**

Bossard both in the USA and Mexico was selected for the honor in recognition of its dedication to providing products and service of outstanding quality as well as its commitment to continuous improvement. Bossard is the major supplier for over 8'000 different fastener product solutions with application engineering and customer logistics to John Deere's 27 plants in North America.

In the John Deere Achieving Excellence Program, all suppliers are evaluated annually in several key performance categories, including product quality, cost management, on-time 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:**

The Bossard Group is a leading international supplier of product solutions and services in industrial fastener and assembly technology. With its comprehensive product range of over 1,000,000 items, combined with its proven expertise in technical consulting (engineering) and inventory management (logistics), Bossard is one of the established companies in the industry, both as an end-to-end supplier and a partner. In addition, Bossard is a pioneer in developing intelligent production facilities in line with Industry 4.0.

The Group's customers include local and international industrial companies who use Bossard solutions to improve their productivity. With 2,300 employees in 80 locations throughout the world, the Group generated CHF 786.2 million in sales in 2017. Bossard is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.