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**DSC NOMINATED FOR LWCC SAFEST 70 AWARD
OF 22,000 LOUISIANA-BASED COMPANIES, DSC REPRESENTS THE TOP SAFEST 1%**

RESERVE, LA (August 22, 2008) – Recently Dredging Supply Company, Inc. (DSC) was nominated for the **2007 Louisiana Workers Compensation Corporation (LWCC) Safest 70 Award** in recognition for their exceptional dedication and commitment to workplace safety. DSC is one of 142 companies nominated for the award and these companies represent the top 1% of all policyholders.

Companies track their overall safety by recording the frequency of accidents and their severity. Accidents are commonly categorized as one of the following: first aid case – *those accidents that can be treated onsite and the employee can immediately return to work*, restricted case – *accidents that require treatment by a physician and the employee returns to work on light duty*, or lost time case – *accidents in which the employee receives treatment and returns to work after a length of recovery*. During the 2007 calendar year DSC's safety record was remarkable, working 183,000 man hours without a lost time accident.

DSC attributes their outstanding safety record to their commitment to workplace safety. Both owners, Bob Wetta and Bill Wetta, have put safety at the forefront of their company and continue to provide employees with incentives to keep a safe working environment. All employees attend monthly safety meetings, which are held to remind them of safe practices and keep them informed of accident prevention tactics. More frequent "tailgate" style safety meetings are also held by the individual manufacturing departments to further promote specific safety requirements for their trades. Employees keeping a safe track record are further encouraged with safety awards.



DSC's Safety Team (from left to right): Gary Hamilton, Ronald Nicholas, Darryl Cota, Jeff Cox, Jeremy Clausen, Shane Landry, Leroy Johnson, and Ryan Landry.

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Early in 2007, Gary Hamilton (COO) organized a safety team of 12 voluntary members that meet monthly to review safety concerns and past accidents, as a way to improve existing safety policies and prevent similar accidents from happening again. "Safety is a team effort and it's refreshing to see such great participation. We come to work to support our families, so I think it's equally important that we return to our families in the same condition we left them", explains Jeff Cox, DSC Safety Team Leader. As it takes constant training and employee awareness to eliminate accidents altogether, DSC continues to take extra care in implementing procedures to meet the challenges of an accident-free workplace. DSC also offered a free first aid and CPR class to its employees as an added benefit; of 110 employees, 40 volunteers attended the eight-hour class.

LWCC is Louisiana's largest workers' compensation carrier, providing coverage to approximately 22,000 policyholders. They are a private, nonprofit mutual insurance company that revitalized a workers' comp system that was on the verge of collapse and have continued to provide much needed stability in Louisiana.

Dredging Supply Company, Inc., the world's leading designer and manufacturer of cutter suction dredges and underwater pump mining dredges, is located in Reserve, Louisiana. For more information about the company and their products and services, please visit them at www.dscdredge.com.

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