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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Caterpillar Inc. Receives United States Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Air Excellence Award**

The Caterpillar D7E electric drive track-type tractor is recognized for its emission reductions, efficiency gains and overall innovative technology

PEORIA, Ill.—Caterpillar Inc. (NYSE: CAT) has been awarded the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Clean Air Excellence Award for its D7E track-type tractor with electric drive. The electric drive system is the first of its kind in this application, designed to maximize efficiency and productivity while conserving natural resources.

The diesel-electric drive technology uses a diesel engine to drive an electric generator that powers two AC electric drive motors. The D7E track-type tractor (bulldozer) increases dozing efficiency by 25 percent, reduces fuel consumption by 10 to 30 percent, and reduces criteria and greenhouse gas emissions. The total emissions reductions, from productivity increase and fuel savings, per hour are: 10 percent for CO, 20 percent for NOx and HC, 51 percent for PM and 23 percent for CO₂.

"Caterpillar is committed to improving the sustainability of our customers, our industry and our shared environment," said Tana Utley, Caterpillar's Chief Technology Officer, who accepted the award at a ceremony in Washington, DC. "We are proud of the D7E and the significant improvements in fuel efficiency and productivity it will provide our customers, ultimately helping them cut costs and reduce emissions. This

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accomplishment proves technology can improve both customer value and sustainability. Technology unleashes the power of 'and', which makes sustainable progress possible."

The award was established in 2000 at the recommendation of the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee. It annually recognizes and honors outstanding innovative efforts to help make progress in achieving cleaner air. Award-winning entries must directly or indirectly reduce pollutant emissions, demonstrate innovation, offer sustainable outcomes and provide a model for others to follow.

"Each year, our Clean Air Excellence Award winners offer amazing new examples of how we keep our air safe and clean," said EPA Administrator, Lisa Jackson. "This year's award recipients have built on that tradition of innovation to show what is possible in protecting human health and the environment."

To learn more about the D7E with electric drive, visit www.cat.com/D7E.

About Caterpillar:

For more than 80 years, Caterpillar Inc. has been making progress possible and driving positive and sustainable change on every continent. With 2008 sales and revenues of \$51.324 billion, Caterpillar is the world's leading manufacturer of construction and mining equipment, diesel and natural gas engines and industrial gas turbines. The company also is a leading services provider through Caterpillar Financial Services, Caterpillar Remanufacturing Services, Caterpillar Logistics Services and Progress Rail Services. More information is available at <http://www.cat.com>.