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**US EPA Releases Case Study on DuBois and Steelcase
Lean Manufacturing and the Environment**

SHARONVILLE, Ohio – (May 14, 2008) – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently released a lean manufacturing case study on DuBois Chemicals and Steelcase, a global leader in the office furniture industry. DuBois developed and implemented process improvements for the paint pretreatment system at a Steelcase Grand Rapids, Mich. plant that led to significant reductions in energy / labor/ water usage and environmental impact. As a result of the successful trial, Steelcase and DuBois have been integrating these process improvements in facilities across North America.

The DuBois process initiative led to energy savings of 60% (in BTUs required) and to water savings of 80%. The innovative approach used in the process led to a waste stream discharge reduction of 85% to 95%. Steelcase also confirmed that the process offered over a 50% reduction in labor used to maintain the washer.

DuBois is committed to providing customers with lean manufacturing and sustainable, green initiatives to support the needs of their businesses. In order to achieve that goal, the company emphasizes a total cost of ownership or TCO approach in their work. DuBois provides water/wastewater treatment, surface finishing/paint pretreatment, maintenance cleaning and specialty product solutions.

DuBois Chemicals is the industrial division of JohnsonDiversey Inc., a leading global provider of cleaning and hygiene solutions. DuBois is a leading specialty chemical provider dedicated to offering best in class customer solutions for safe, healthy and high performing facilities. For more information on DuBois, please visit www.duboischemicals.com.

A copy of the complete US EPA case study can be found at www.epa.gov/lean/studies/steelcase.html.

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