



## Press Release

# JohnsonDiversey Announces Most Ambitious Climate Commitment In Cleaning Industry

## ***Company pledge to WWF Climate Savers Will Slash Greenhouse Gas Emissions***

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LAS VEGAS and WASHINGTON DC, September 10, 2008 – World Wildlife Fund announced today that JohnsonDiversey, one of the world's largest providers of commercial cleaning products and services, has joined the WWF Climate Savers program, pledging to significantly reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions from their operations.

The company announced it will invest \$19 million over the next five years to achieve these commitments, but anticipates operational savings of \$31 million over the same period, which demonstrates, say company officials, that sustainability is the right approach for both the environment and the bottom line.

WWF President and CEO Carter Roberts said the actions being taken by JohnsonDiversey to address climate change will set a new standard for the cleaning industry and serve as a model for other companies seeking to transform the way they do business to help preserve the environment.

"Changes in corporate business practices are essential if we are to see real progress in tackling climate change, one of the most critical issues facing the world today," Roberts said. "By joining Climate Savers, JohnsonDiversey is demonstrating that the world's leading companies will find even greater success competing in the global marketplace when they operate in an environmentally responsible way. We hope and expect the rest of their industry will take notice and follow the powerful example being set by JohnsonDiversey to reduce emissions and help preserve the health of our planet."

JohnsonDiversey Chairman S. Curtis Johnson said the company's involvement in Climate Savers is consistent with its long heritage of protecting the planet for future generations.

"This commitment is one of our core values, as it has been since my great-great-grandfather founded the first of the Johnson companies 122 years ago," Johnson said. "Our objectives have always extended beyond financial growth to include promoting the health and well being of our planet and the people who share it. "

By 2013, JohnsonDiversey officials pledged to reduce emissions from their operations by 8 percent below 2003 levels, an 89,000 ton reduction in emissions. To achieve that target, the company outlined a number of operational initiatives

including:

- Improving the fuel efficiency of its worldwide auto and truck fleet by switching to vehicles with the best fuel efficiency in their class and alternative energy vehicles;
- Upgrading the energy efficiency of its buildings, manufacturing plants and operations in major sites around the world; and
- Installing on-site alternative energy sources such as fuel cells or wind turbines.

By becoming the first company in the cleaning industry to sign on to WWF Climate Savers, JohnsonDiversey joins a rapidly growing list of leading corporations from around the world that are working with WWF to reduce their emissions and operate in an environmentally responsible way. The announcement was made today in Las Vegas during ISSA/INTERCLEAN<sup>®</sup> North America 2008, the cleaning industry's leading trade show.

“Our customers all over the world are asking us to be their partner in developing solutions to reduce their environmental impact, protect human health and safety and improve the economic strength of their enterprises,” JohnsonDiversey President and CEO Ed Lonergan said. “Our goal is to not only practice sustainability in all we do, but also to help our customers become more sustainable in their operations.”

Company officials say this latest initiative is part of an ongoing effort to integrate sustainability programs into their operations. For example, in 2007 the company assisted more than a thousand European hotels and health care facilities in reducing energy consumption by a total of 35.5 million kWh by applying a low-temperature laundry washing system. The decrease in carbon dioxide emissions was equivalent to taking more than 1,200 passenger vehicles off the road for a full year. The company also helped food and beverage customers in 21 sites around the world save a billion gallons of water in 2007 through its water management program.

JohnsonDiversey first collaborated with WWF in 2004, supporting water conservation.

WWF's Climate Savers was founded in 1999 and currently comprises 17 major international companies which, by 2010, will collectively cut carbon emissions by over 14 million tons annually – the equivalent of taking more than 3 million cars off the road every year. Climate Savers companies were among the first to recognize that climate change poses both risks and opportunities to business. Leading corporations are partnering with WWF to establish ambitious targets to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions voluntarily. By increasing efficiency and pioneering deployment of clean energy technology, Climate Savers companies are saving hundreds of millions of dollars, proving that protecting the environment is sound business practice.

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**Note to editors:**

Climate Savers is a business initiative organized by WWF to mobilize companies to

cut carbon dioxide emissions. Cutting-edge partnerships with these companies provide solutions to climate change, as targets agreed with WWF must be demonstrably more ambitious than previously planned or communicated by the company, placing the companies at the forefront of emissions reductions in their sectors. A Climate Savers agreement involves negotiations between WWF, the company concerned and independent technical experts who later monitor and verify compliance with the agreement.

As part of its Climate Savers Program, WWF has agreements with major corporations from around the world: Johnson & Johnson, IBM, Nike, Polaroid, Hewlett Packard, The Collins Companies, Spitsbergen Travel, Xanterra Parks and Resorts, Sagawa, Sony, Nokia, Tetra Pak, Lafarge, Catalyst, Novo Nordisk, and Nokia Siemens Networks. All of these companies have pledged to reduce their global warming emissions considerably.

Read more about Climate Savers – <http://worldwildlife.org/climatesavers>

**About World Wildlife Fund:**

*For more than 45 years, WWF has been protecting the future of nature. The largest multinational conservation organization in the world, WWF works in 100 countries and is supported by 1.2 million members in the United States and close to 5 million globally. WWF's unique way of working combines global reach with a foundation in science, involves action at every level, from local to global, and ensures the delivery of innovative solutions that meet the needs of both people and nature. Go to [worldwildlife.org](http://worldwildlife.org) to learn more.*

**ABOUT JOHNSONDIVERSEY:**

*JohnsonDiversey Inc. is a leading global provider of commercial cleaning, sanitation and hygiene solutions, serving customers in the lodging, food service, retail, health care and food and beverage sectors.*

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