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**STARCON Recognized With Ten 2007 NPRA Meritorious Safety Awards**

**HOUSTON, TEXAS – May 12, 2008** – STARCON International, Inc., a leading industrial and mechanical services contractor serving a wide variety of process industries, announced today that the company has been recognized by the National Petroleum Refining Association (NPRA) with ten Contractor Awards for Meritorious Safety Performance for the 2007 year.

“This recognition by the NPRA and by our customers is a very satisfying way to celebrate great safety commitment by our team members in 2007,” said Dale Kuntz, President and COO of STARCON. “Our Behavior Based Safety program helps us improve our safety performance each year. Creating and maintaining a safe working environment remains our highest company value.”

The awards were conveyed at the annual Safety NPRA Conference in The Woodlands, Texas. During the annual conference the NPRA safety awards are presented to deserving, qualified facility owners and contractors. The ten awards represent the highest number of awards in one calendar year in STARCON’s history.

Bill Holder, STARCON’s Health, Safety and Environmental Vice President, added, “We’re very proud of these awards, as they reflect the commitment and performance of our team members across the company. This type of recognition is special, as it reinforces the purpose and importance of our safety programs and philosophies.”

Holder noted that the following STARCON work and project sites were recognized at the NPRA event:

- LyondellBassell - La Porte, TX
- Tesoro - Los Angeles, CA
- BP - Texas City, TX
- Valero - Benicia, CA
- ConocoPhillips - Sweeney, TX
- Chevron - Richmond, CA
- Marathon - Catlettsburg, KY
- LyondellBassell - Channelview, TX
- ExxonMobil - Joliet, IL
- Marathon - St. Paul Park, MN

**ABOUT STARCON** – STARCON provides comprehensive industrial and mechanical contracting services to a wide variety of process industry clients, including capital construction, plant maintenance, turnaround execution, project management, specialty welding, insulation and scaffolding. With an uncompromising commitment to safety, quality, training and innovation, STARCON serves clients in the refining, chemical, food processing, metals, paper and power industries. In 2007, Engineering News Record ranked STARCON in the upper 10% of the Top 600 Specialty Contractors, complementing numerous industry awards for exemplary achievement in safety and quality performance. STARCON is headquartered in Manhattan, IL and has offices in Deer Park, TX, Fairfield CA, Mount Vernon, WA, Gonzales, LA, Pueblo, Mexico, Port of Spain, Trinidad, and San Nicolas, Aruba. Visit [www.starcon.org](http://www.starcon.org) for more information.

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