

SSAB earns recognition as a John Deere "Partner-level Supplier," Hall of Fame Supplier, and Supplier of the Year

SSAB has earned recognition as a Partner-level supplier for 2013, was inducted into the Supplier Hall of Fame, and named Construction and Forestry Division Supplier of the Year in the John Deere Achieving Excellence Program

The Partner-level status is Deere & Company's highest supplier rating. Hall of Fame status is given after a supplier attains a Partner-level rating for five consecutive years. The Lisle, Illinois-based company was selected for the honor in recognition of its dedication to providing products and service of outstanding quality as well as its commitment to continuous improvement. Company employees accepted the recognition during formal ceremonies held on February 18, 2014 in Davenport, IA.

([Photo available here](#))

"SSAB Americas is honored to receive such prestigious awards from John Deere," said Jeff Moskaluk, Chief Commercial Officer, SSAB. "We are grateful to have a customer that values innovation and value creation as much as they do. At SSAB we are consistently focused on continuous improvement and are proud to be a John Deere supplier."

SSAB is a supplier of as rolled discrete steel plate to John Deere's operations in Davenport and Dubuque, IA and Thibodaux, LA.

Suppliers who participate in the Achieving Excellence program are evaluated annually in several key performance categories, including quality, cost management, delivery, technical support and wavelength, which is a measure of responsiveness. John Deere Supply Management created the program in 1991 to provide a supplier evaluation and feedback process that promotes continuous improvement.

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