



# Fact Sheet

## Committed to a Healthier Environment

Protecting the environment is an important part of Abbott's mission to improve people's health, and our efforts to be a leader in global citizenship. The company focuses its environmental work on areas that are important to the global community and Abbott's business, including conserving water and energy, and reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

### Conserving Energy and Reducing Emissions

Innovative programs are reducing Abbott's environmental impact around the world:

- **Results-oriented approach** – Abbott's new Global Energy Policy includes an aggressive new goal for reducing GHG emissions by 30 percent by 2011, indexed to sales.
- **Driving "carbon neutral"** – Abbott became the first and only *FORTUNE 500* company to go "carbon neutral" with its U.S. auto fleet through the use of hybrids and other fuel-efficient vehicles, and by purchasing verified carbon credits to offset remaining vehicle emissions. This commitment is the equivalent of taking 12,000 cars off the road. In the coming years, Abbott will be expanding its efforts to reduce vehicle emissions in countries around the world.
- **Going solar** – Abbott is investing in solar energy and other renewable energy sources, including installing significant solar power systems at plants in Campoverde, Italy and [Delkenheim, Germany](#).
- **Building green** – Abbott is committed to environmentally responsible building practices and pursuing local green building certification for new construction projects. Examples include using environmental design for a new nutritional manufacturing facility in Singapore, and installing a "green roof" at the company's headquarters in north suburban Chicago.

### Improving Access to Water

[Responsible water management](#) is an environmental and business priority for Abbott. A key area of focus is reducing water use, especially in water-stressed areas. Abbott has established a goal of reducing water use by 40 percent, indexed to sales, by 2011.

In 2008, Abbott reduced its water usage by 15 percent indexed to sales, including 155 million gallons of water saved through water-reduction projects in manufacturing operations.

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### **Living and Working Greener**

Abbott encourages employees around the world to make energy conservation a fundamental part of their work and home life through a number of initiatives:

- Abbott empowers employees at its headquarters in north suburban Chicago to use public transportation or ride share with company carpool/vanpool programs, free shuttle services to and from local train stations, and a reimbursement incentive that makes public transit expenses tax-free.
- New guidelines help Abbott meeting planners reduce the environmental impact of offsite business meetings.
- A new Energy Awareness Campaign urges employees to take small steps to save energy, such as using fluorescent light bulbs and rechargeable batteries.

### **Partnering with Others in the Global Community**

Abbott participates in a number of initiatives to advance environmental protection:

- Environmental Defense – This leading environmental advocacy group is helping Abbott reduce fuel use, emissions and cost through the Greenfleet initiative.
- The Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) – Abbott participates annually in the CDP, the world's largest registry of data on climate risks and opportunities for business.
- Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX) – Abbott became the largest health care company to join CCX, the world's first GHG cap & trade system, in 2008.
- U.S. EPA Climate Leaders – Abbott participates in this industry-government partnership, setting voluntary goals to reduce GHG emissions.

### **Recognition as a Leader in Sustainability**

Abbott's ongoing commitment to sustainable, transparent business practices and environmental performance led to the [company being named to the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index](#) (DJSI World) for the fifth consecutive year in 2009. Abbott also has been honored for its efforts to protect the environment in communities where it operates around the world; a few examples:

- Abbott became one of the first companies in Ireland to be accredited by Certification Europe as a national leader in energy management and conservation.
- Abbott's operations in north suburban Chicago have been honored with the Illinois Pollution Prevention Award seven times in the past eight years.

### **More Information Available Online**

For more information on Abbott's environmental initiatives, visit [www.abbott.com/citizenship/ehs](http://www.abbott.com/citizenship/ehs), or see the company's 2008 Global Citizenship Report at <http://www.abbott.com/citizenship>. In order to reduce its environmental impact, the company published a shortened version of the print report and expanded the information available on its Web site.