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**Portland's Papé Machinery joins safety recognition program**  
*SHARP promotes workplace safety self-sufficiency*

(Salem) — The Portland dealership of Papé Machinery recently became a member of Oregon OSHA's Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP).

Participation in SHARP represents a commitment by an employer to improve its workplace safety culture. Oregon OSHA safety and health consultants help Oregon employers work with their employees to find and correct hazards, develop and implement effective safety and health programs, and plan for continuous safety improvement. The ultimate goal of SHARP is to encourage businesses to become self-sufficient in managing workplace safety and health issues.

With 53 team members, Papé Machinery in Portland services and rents heavy equipment to the construction and forestry industry. It is part of The Papé Group Inc., which is headquartered in Eugene.

In 2006, Papé Machinery's Portland store had just two injuries that caused days away from work, job transfers or restrictions. That represents a 43 percent drop from the company's injury rate in 2005.

"It is so important that a company that started in Oregon - like Papé - continues to recognize the significance of workplace safety and health," said Michael Wood, administrator of Oregon OSHA. "Improvement in safety and health benefits everyone. Workers come home safe to their families, productivity improves, and business costs from workplace injury and illness go down."

Employees of SHARP members retain all workplace safety and health rights contained in the Oregon Safe Employment Act. Oregon employers that have been in business for more than one year are eligible to apply for SHARP regardless of size or type of business. There are 127 Oregon employers who participate in SHARP.

**About Papé Machinery Inc.**

Papé Machinery Inc. provides sales, rental, parts and service for construction and forestry equipment in Oregon, Washington, Northern California and Northwestern Nevada. Papé Machinery is the authorized dealer for John Deere, Hitachi, Gradall, Trail King, Dynapac, Breaker Technology Inc., Tigercat and Morbark equipment brands. Papé Machinery has seven Washington locations, six Oregon locations, seven California locations and one Nevada location. Papé Machinery is headquartered in Eugene, Ore., and is part of The Papé Group Inc.

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**About The Papé Group Inc.**

Headquartered in Eugene, Ore., The Papé Group Inc. is a holding company for capital equipment dealerships throughout the West. The businesses of The Papé Group sell and service the premier brands of capital equipment used in construction projects, forestry, trucking, warehousing/materials handling and private aviation. The Papé Group businesses are Papé Material Handling Inc., Bobcat West, Ditch Witch Northwest, Flightcraft Inc., Papé Rents, Papé Trucks and Papé Machinery Inc. The operations serve seven western states – from Alaska to California. The cornerstone of all Papé Group operations since the first dealership was founded in 1938 has been their commitment to providing high quality products backed by consistent, high quality customer service wherever and whenever needed. For more information about The Papé Group Inc., visit [www.pape.com](http://www.pape.com).

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