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**Americold is Awarded  
Dannon's 2010 Supplier of the Year "Best in Quality" Award**

On March 19, 2010, The Dannon Company, Inc. and Danone, Inc. (Canada) hosted several business partners to award the third annual Dannon/Danone Supplier of the Year Awards. They announced that the Americold operations in Ft Worth, TX and Anaheim, CA were awarded the 2010 Supplier of the Year Award for "Best in Quality" during the awards luncheon. Marc Evans, General Manager in Ft Worth, and Art Boehme, General Manager in Anaheim, accepted the award on Americold's behalf. "It is a great testament to our dedicated employees and the 'Best in Class' performances of both Americold's facilities in Ft Worth and Anaheim", stated Randy Benish, VP of Operations, Southwest Region.

Suppliers were assessed on a number of criteria including improvements in environmental sustainability, quality and safety, improvements in cost, accelerating 'time to market' of new or renovated products, boosts to innovation, protection of competitive advantage, and the demonstration of shared values in the relationship with Dannon and Danone.

Nominees for the Awards were evaluated by a cross-functional taskforce at Dannon/ Danone and the final selection of Award winners was made by the company's Executive Committee.

"We have tremendous respect for our business partners and are grateful for the contributions they make to our success," said David Lainchbury, Vice President of Sourcing and Supplier Development for The Dannon Company. Lainchbury's team also supports Danone in Canada. "Rather than examining only cost or the transactional value of our relationships, we look at total value creation. We know that innovative solutions will come not only from within Dannon or Danone but also externally via our business partners.

The Supplier of the Year Awards is representative of Dannon's and Danone's progressive thinking to reward beyond a traditional, transactional dollar-based methodology.

A total of eight awards were bestowed for excellence in the categories of Innovation, Goods & Services Marketing & Sales, Goods & Services Operations, Raw Materials and Packaging, Capital Investment, Best in Quality, Most Improved, and The Overall Supplier of the Year.

Based in Atlanta, GA, Americold is the global leader in temperature-controlled warehousing and logistics to the food industry, offering the most comprehensive warehousing, transportation, and logistics solutions in the world. Americold owns and operates 182 temperature-controlled warehouses in the United States, Australia, New Zealand, China, Argentina and Canada with the largest cold storage network in the US and a total capacity of over 1.1 billion cubic feet of storage. Americold's warehouses are an integral part of the supply chain connecting food producers, processors, distributors, and retailers to the end consumer.

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