



## NEWS RELEASE

# USG Corporation Wins Two Manufacturing Leadership Awards for Operational Excellence and Supply Chain Leadership

CHICAGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jun. 13, 2017-- USG Corporation (NYSE:USG), an industry-leading manufacturer of building products and innovative solutions, has won two prestigious manufacturing awards from Frost & Sullivan's Manufacturing Leadership Council. USG Corporation earned an award in the 'Improving Operational Excellence' category for its Lean Six Sigma (LSS) program achievements, and USG Mexico earned an award in the category of 'Supply Chain Leadership' for the optimization of its import logistics and distribution programs. The Manufacturing Leadership Awards recognize manufacturing organizations and individual leaders shaping the future of global manufacturing.

"USG is committed to manufacturing excellence, and it is an honor to receive these prestigious Manufacturing Leadership Awards," said Dom Dannessa, USG Corporation's Executive Vice President and Chief Operations and Innovation Officer. "Investments in Lean Six Sigma and our Supply Chain have allowed us to better anticipate our customers' needs so that we can continue to provide them with superior solutions."

"Winners of the 2017 Manufacturing Leadership Awards have proven vision and innovation are alive and well in the manufacturing industry," said David R. Brousell, Global Vice President and Editorial Director and co-founder of the Manufacturing Leadership Council. "By embracing the technology-driven transformation that we call Manufacturing 4.0, innovating new business models, and leveraging engaged workforces, these leaders are laying the groundwork for a new era of greater productivity in manufacturing."

The LSS programs have enabled USG to improve profitability, develop stronger workforce capabilities and cultivate increased awareness around continuous improvement practices. To date, USG has implemented more than 1,000 LSS programs, bringing high-quality products and solutions to market with greater efficiency. Implementing LSS infrastructure has allowed USG to optimize production and pricing, cut transportation costs and reduce excess inventory, leading to more than \$250 million in operational savings and significantly improving team productivity.

Training USG's best and brightest people to be deployed as LSS leaders, or "Belts," was critical to the success of LSS initiatives, which were first launched in 2010 and expanded across USG's manufacturing, corporate and former distribution divisions in subsequent years.

USG Mexico received an award for its supply chain optimization programs. USG Mexico invested in local distribution centers to improve its ability to serve customers and to meet growing interests in USG's full product portfolio in the region. The new distribution locations allow USG to deliver ceilings products to

customers in Mexico nearly six times faster, in addition to reducing working capital across the network, improving waste recovery and providing greater flexibility in the type and quantities that customers can order.

By using LSS methodology to create an optimized transportation and import strategy, USG Mexico established the distribution centers without any incremental cost, creating the potential for significant growth in Mexico.

The Manufacturing Leadership Award winners will be honored on June 14, 2017 at a gala celebration that will take place in conjunction with the annual Frost & Sullivan Manufacturing Leadership Summit in Huntington Beach, California.

### **About USG Corporation**

USG Corporation is an industry-leading manufacturer of building products and innovative solutions. Headquartered in Chicago, USG serves construction markets around the world through its United States Gypsum Company and USG Interiors, LLC subsidiaries and its international subsidiaries, including its USG Boral Building Products joint venture. Its wall, ceiling, flooring, sheathing and roofing products provide the solutions that enable customers to build the outstanding spaces where people live, work and play. Its USG Boral Building Products joint venture is a leading plasterboard and ceilings producer across Asia, Australasia and the Middle East. For additional information, visit [www.usg.com](http://www.usg.com)

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