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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **H.J. BAKER'S CHUCK DEJONG RECOGNIZED BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE YEAR**

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WESPORT, CT (June 30, 2008) – H. J. Baker is pleased to announce that Chuck DeJong, H.J. Baker Sulphur Group/Tiger-Sul Products Plant Manager, was recently recognized by the Greater Stockton, California Chamber of Commerce as their Business Manager of the Year.

Mr. DeJong received this honor in recognition of his outstanding performance managing H.J. Baker's existing sulphur facility at the Port of Stockton while simultaneously overseeing construction of their new, state of the art, facility for increased production and transportation, foreign and domestic, of their sulphur products. His ability to resolve problems and willingness to contribute his time and generosity to many local charities and special events were also cited as key factors in the Chamber's decision.

Christopher Smith, President and CEO of H. J. Baker & Bro., Inc., said: we are very proud of all our employees because we know each one of them does an outstanding job. It is especially gratifying, however, when someone outside the H. J. Baker family recognizes the professionalism and successes of one our employees. The Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce is a top rate organization and the entire H.J. Baker family is honored that they have recognized Chuck as their Business Manager of the Year.”

In addition to being honored by the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce, recognition was also received from: The California State Legislature, Assemblyman Guy Houston, Assemblyman Alan Nakanishi, Assemblyman Greg Aghazarian, Senator Dave Cogdill, US Congressman Jerry McNerney, US Congressman Dennis Cardoza and the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors.

H.J. Baker and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Tiger-Sul, are in the process of expanding their Stockton, California facility to allow for increased manufacturing capability, while at the same time putting in place upgraded measures to continue to safeguard the environment. This will be Tiger-Sul's third facility in North America and will produce pastillated sulphur based products for agriculture and other applications, including TIGER 90 CR® and TIGER MICRONUTRIENTS® fertilizers.

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H.J. Baker & Bro. has provided high quality ingredients to the fertilizer and sulphur industries since 1850 and was instrumental in developing the North American fertilizer markets. This remarkable longevity is testimony to the company's commitment to excellence, which has been upheld for four generations of management by the Smith Family.

Tiger-Sul Products is a wholly-owned subsidiary of H.J. Baker & Bro., which is based in Westport, Connecticut. Tiger-Sul Products is the global leader in Sulphur Bentonite and Sulphur Bentonite Micronutrients technology with over 40 years of operational excellence. TIGER 90 CR® and TIGER MICRONUTRIENTS® fertilizers are registered trademarks of Tiger-Sul Products.

As an international manufacturer, importer, exporter and sales agent, H.J. Baker mobilizes resources throughout the world. The company's strategically located processing plants, offices and warehouses create a super-efficient pipeline for the vital commodities and products that it sources, manufactures and markets.

H.J. Baker is highly qualified in materials handling, storage and transportation. H.J. Baker pays personal attention to every aspect of its operation and customer needs. Each phase of its organization is operated with maximum efficiency to ensure customer satisfaction.

For more information on Tiger-Sul and their fertilizer products, please visit their website at [www.tigersul.com](http://www.tigersul.com). For more information on H.J. Baker & Bro., Inc.: [www.bakerbro.com](http://www.bakerbro.com).

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