

# 2009 Environmental Award Winners

## Dan Eberhardt Environmental Stewardship Award

*The 'Daniel Eberhardt Environmental Stewardship' award is awarded to the nominee who is totally committed to the spirit of environmental sustainability in all their actions and involves all the aspects described above and beyond.*

### **Peninsula Packaging**

Peninsula Packaging is a fully integrated PET extrusion, thermoforming and decorating company that manufactures a wide variety of food packaging products; including packaging for: produce; baked goods; convenience store foods; and, prepared goods. Integral to Peninsula's manufacturing and product offering strategies is the development of products that meet or exceed the sustainability-in-packaging requirements of retailers (such as: Wal\*Mart, Sam's, Costco), processors, shippers and consumers. Peninsula's products contain up to 100% post-consumer recycled PET.



In 2008, Peninsula consumed over 25 million pounds of post-consumer recycled PET. In addition to post-consumer PET use in packaging, Peninsula has installed its own photovoltaic "sun farm" immediately adjacent to its manufacturing facility in Exeter, CA.

The clean, renewable electrical energy produced by this solar farm provides 50% of the power required to convert packaging made by Peninsula's California facility. Peninsula's solar farm is the largest privately funded solar installation of its type in North America. Peninsula is a member of the Environmental Protection Agency's Green Power Partnership.

Peninsula has gained wide acclaim by major retailers, processors and shippers for its capabilities in sustainable packaging as well as Peninsula's unique product development expertise in designing packaging to not only

support environmental responsibility in packaging but also significantly reduce shrink, waste, etc. by reducing food spoilage and transportation costs. Peninsula has been showcased on ABC, CBS, NPR etc. featuring Peninsula's solar farm. Peninsula has manufacturing facilities in Exeter, CA and Wilson, NC.

Through these awards, SPE's Plastics Environmental Division recognizes corporations and other institutions that have demonstrated environmental leadership and excellence through significant achievements in a variety of categories.

**Congratulations to all our 2009 Environmental Award Recipients**