

## AG Belt<sup>TM</sup> Spliceless<sup>TM</sup> Baler Belt Design Wins an AE50 Award for Innovative Agricultural Engineering

AG Belt wins award for creating the first baler belt that has no splice.

Des Moines, Iowa (<u>PRWEB</u>) January 22, 2014 -- Baler belt supplier <u>AG Belt</u>, a division of Apache Inc. has been awarded an AE50 Award for innovation within agriculture by the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE).

Each year the ASABE sponsors the AE50 awards program which celebrates product innovations in the areas of agricultural, food, and biological systems. <u>The AG Belt<sup>TM</sup> Spliceless<sup>TM</sup> Baler Belt</u> will be featured in the January/February 2014 special AE50 issue of ASABE's magazine Resource: Engineering & Technology for a Sustainable World.

"We are thrilled to be recognized by the ASABE with an AE50 Award," said Tom Pientok, Apache President and CEO. "The AG Belt Spliceless Baler Belt represents a unique and truly ground-breaking product. We take great pride in the fact that our team's creativity and ingenuity, and ASABE's recognition that our product truly makes a tangible impact on the agricultural hay and forage sector, and therefore our customers, is extremely gratifying."

An expert panel of engineers reviews submissions from companies worldwide for recognition in the AE50 Award program. Award-winning products are those ranked highest in innovation, significant engineering advancement, and impact on the market served.

"There are many features that make our patented Spliceless<sup>™</sup> baler belt an innovative, high-performance product," stated AG Belt General Manager Trevor Gingrich. "However, the primary characteristic that really distinguishes it from all other baler belts currently on the market is that it very simply does not have a splice, whether mechanical or fabricated – this means we've taken the number one failure point in baler belts today and completely removed it. We've also addressed a number of other traditional problem areas associated with baler belt performance such as durability, belt tracking, and overall belt life."

AG Belt's Spliceless<sup>™</sup> baler belt is a compelling alternative to conventionally constructed baler belts. The patented design combines technology from multiple industries to solve baler belting's most vexing problems. Innovative and market-leading round baler manufacturers are now offering this premium belt as a factory option worldwide.

About AG Belt

Founded in 1973, AG Belt has fabricated round hay baler belts for many of the biggest names in agriculture. In 2010, AG Belt Inc. was acquired by Apache Inc., a national fabricator of belt and hose products, based out of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. For more information about the Spliceless<sup>™</sup> baler belt, visit AG Belt's product page www.agbeltinc.com/spliceless. For more information about AG Belt and their other products, please visit their website www.agbeltinc.com or call (800) 383-2469.

About ASABE



The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers is an international scientific and educational organization dedicated to the advancement of engineering applicable to agricultural, food, and biological systems. Its members, from more than 100 countries, are consultants, managers, researchers, and others who have the training and experience to understand the interrelationships between technology and living systems. Further information on the Society can be obtained by contacting ASABE at (269) 429-0300 or hq@asabe.org. Details can also be found at www.asabe.org.



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