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IAPD Honors Nick Kraguljac of Zell-Metall GmbH with the 2014 Paul Davis Award of Merit

OVERLAND PARK, Kans. – The International Association of Plastics Distribution (IAPD), the international trade association comprised of companies engaged in the distribution and manufacture of plastic stock shapes and pipe, valves and fittings, has named Nick Kraguljac as its 2014 Paul Davis Award of Merit recipient.

On behalf of IAPD and the plastics distribution industry, Kraguljac received the prestigious Paul Davis Award of Merit for 2014 at IAPD's Annual Convention in Chicago, IL, USA. Presented by Howard Natal of Atlas Fibre Company, the 2014 Paul Davis Award of Merit recipient, Kraguljac was honored for his many years of outstanding personal and professional contributions to the association and the plastics industry.

Through his leadership and support of the association, Kraguljac has made immeasurable contributions to IAPD as well as the European Plastics Distributors Association (EPDA). He has served on the Membership Committee, Manufacturers Council, Education Committee, Manufacturer/Distributor Relations Committee, the Change Committee and the IAPD as well as the EPDA Board of Directors. He currently serves on the IAPD International Strategy Task Force and is an excellent resource to the IAPD Environmental Committee, which he updates with information about regulations and issues facing the plastics industry in Europe.

"I cannot express enough how grateful, proud, humbled and honored we are to have Nick be part of the association, and for his long-standing commitment to IAPD, the vitality and growth of the global plastics distribution industry and his amazing contributions to the association. Nick is one of the most vibrant personalities, brilliant minds and globally business savvy members we have," said IAPD CEO Susan E. Avery, CAE. "To serve beside him you learn what passion and brilliance together can produce. To be led by him, you know what the experience of vision, tenacity, execution and success feels like. To reward him is an honor and a truly humbling experience."

Kraguljac is director of sales and marketing of Zell-Metall GmbH based in Kaprun, Austria and on the Board of Directors of the Klepsche Group. He joined the company in 1978. Kraguljac has held numerous political appointments since he was a student and most recently received the title "Kommerzialrat" from the President of the Republic of Austria, which is an honor bestowed to people who have had an outstanding record of economic influence on the Republic, professional skills,

exemplary personal integrity and have served actively over a long period of time in the Austrian Economic Federation.

About Paul Davis

Paul Davis of Plastics Manufacturing and Supply Corporation in Cleveland, Ohio, USA, recognized how difficult it was for a small independent plastics distributor to compete with a much larger distributor, and he longed for the same buying power that a multi-branch distributor enjoyed. In the summer of 1956, he began calling other small distributors to see if the owners were interested in teaming up to become a larger voice in the trade. Davis recruited six individuals, representing four plastics distributors at that first meeting. This small group launched what was initially named the United Plastics Warehouse Corporation and today is known as the International Association of Plastics Distribution. In 1986, IAPD created the Paul Davis Award of Merit to recognize members who have performed exceptional, extraordinary or outstanding service on behalf of the association and the plastics distribution industry and bestowed Paul Davis as the first recipient of this most esteemed award.

About IAPD

The International Association of Plastics Distribution (IAPD), established in 1956, brings together distributors, fabricators, manufacturers, manufacturers' representatives, recyclers and service providers in an environment which encourages a free flow of ideas and information that help members build their businesses. Every program and service we provide is designed with the simple goal of helping our members increase profitability. Membership in IAPD is an affordable business investment. IAPD provides training, connections with customers and suppliers and information about developments that impact the industry. What makes IAPD unique is a commitment to educating customers and other key end-users about plastics. In other words, IAPD works with members to build the demand for plastics. Central to this effort is the reinforcement of the value of distribution. For more information, visit www.iapd.org.

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