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EY Announces Appliance Recycling Centers of America (ARCA) President and CEO Jack Cameron Is an EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ Award Finalist in the Upper Midwest

Minneapolis, MN—May 13, 2014— EY today announced that Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc. (NASDAQ:ARCI) President and CEO Edward R. (Jack) Cameron is a finalist for the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ 2014 Award in the Upper Midwest. The awards program recognizes entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. Cameron, the founder of ARCA, was selected as a finalist from nearly 50 nominations by a panel of independent judges. Award winners will be announced at a special gala event on June 11 at the Hyatt Regency hotel in Minneapolis.

“I am honored to have been selected as a finalist for the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ 2014 Award in the Upper Midwest, where we have a strong tradition of excellence in business leadership,” Cameron said. “I am also proud to lead ARCA’s team of employees, whose passion and commitment to environmental protection and energy conservation have helped to make us a leader in the appliance recycling and retailing industries. I appreciate the recognition and am humbled to share it with everyone who has supported ARCA’s growth over the past thirty-nine years.”

Now in its 28th year, the program has expanded to recognize business leaders in more than 145 cities in more than 60 countries throughout the world.

Regional award winners are eligible for consideration for the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year National program. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year National Overall Award winner, will be announced at the annual awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on November 15, 2014. The awards are the culminating event of the EY Strategic Growth Forum®, the nation’s most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies.

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Founded and produced by EY, the Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards are sponsored in the United States by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation and SAP America.

In the Upper Midwest program, regional sponsors include Faegre Baker Daniels, BMO Harris, PadillaCRT, Merrill Datasite and Twin Cities Business magazine. Local sponsors include SALO, Lockton Companies, Pohlrad Family Capital Fund LLC and The Big Picture.

About ARCA

ARCA's three business components are uniquely positioned in the industry to work together to provide a full array of appliance-related services. ARCA Advanced Processing, LLC employs advanced technology to refine traditional appliance recycling techniques to achieve optimal revenue-generating and environmental benefits. ARCA is also the exclusive North American distributor for UNTHA Recycling Technology (URT), one of the world's leading manufacturers of technologically advanced refrigerator recycling systems and recycling facilities for electrical household appliances and electronic scrap. ARCA's regional centers process appliances at end of life to remove environmentally damaging substances and produce material byproducts for recycling for utilities in the U.S. and Canada. Eighteen company-owned stores under the name ApplianceSmart, Inc.® sell new appliances directly to consumers and provide affordable ENERGY STAR® options for energy efficiency appliance replacement programs.

About EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™

EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ is the world's most prestigious business award for entrepreneurs. The unique award makes a difference through the way it encourages entrepreneurial activity among those with potential and recognizes the contribution of people who inspire others with their vision, leadership and achievement. As the first and only truly global award of its kind, Entrepreneur Of The Year celebrates those who are building and leading successful, growing and dynamic businesses, recognizing them through regional, national and global awards programs in more than 145 cities in more than 60 countries.

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