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### **Barry Wingard Honored with Top Industry Achievement Award**

Rockville, MD – Barry Wingard, Minority owner and Senior Operations Director, Container Life Cycle Management, LLC, has been selected by his industry peers to receive the 2018 Morris Hershson Award of Merit. Mr. Wingard will be given the award at the Houstonian Resort and Spa on October 25, 2018 at the 77th Annual Conference of the Reusable Industrial Packaging Association. RIPA presents the prestigious award to an individual for “distinguished and longstanding service” to the reusable industrial packaging industry.

The Morris Hershson Award of Merit commemorates Mr. Hershson who was president of RIPA (then called the National Barrel and Drum Association) for 35 years until his death in 1985. Mr. Hershson is credited with developing the association into a leading advocate for the reconditioning industry in North America and around the world.

Mr. Wingard has worked in the industrial container reconditioning industry for over 40-years. He started in the business working with his father, David Wingard, who was the 2002 recipient of the Hershson Award. Dave and Barry co-owned Drumco of Arkansas and Drumco of Tennessee, beginning in 1977. Barry built a new open-head drum reconditioning plant in Bauxite, AR in 1994 and in 2009 moved that facility to a new site in Arkadelphia, AR, where the business has thrived. Mr. Wingard was a founding member of Reusable Packaging and Container Systems (REPACS), which operated successfully for nearly a decade as one of the first national container collection, sales and distribution companies.

Mr. Wingard has been very active in the Reusable Industrial Packaging Association for decades. He has served on numerous technical committees and has been elected to the Board multiple times. Barry

was elected Vice Chairman of RIPA in 2002 – 2003, and then Chairman in 2004 – 2005. He has served as Vice Chairman of the association’s Steel Drum Product Group since its’ inception and served as Chairman for the past 7 years. During this time, Barry has been instrumental in helping to innovate new products for the industry, including ultra-sonic leak detection, improving chime sealant products & applications, vertical painting and expanding and automated lid straightening. He has worked with groups tasked with interacting with the DOT on issues involving POPs (Performance Orientated Packagings) since 1996. He has overseen testing done at Tobyhanna which has helped benefit many RIPA members.

“Every RIPA member knows Barry Wingard and deeply appreciates all the work he has done to better the industry over the years,” said RIPA Chairman Brian Evoy. “Barry has also been a major contributor to the association through his Board service, his extensive work on various committees and, importantly, his service as Chairman of the group.” According to Evoy, “Barry and his wife Sherri of 40 years along with their children, Brooke, Austyn and Whitney, have been a part of our RIPA family for many wonderful years. There is no more deserving recipient of this honor than my friend, Barry Wingard.”

**About Reusable Industrial Packaging Association**

For over 76 years, the Reusable Industrial Packaging Association (RIPA) has been the trade association representing North American reconditioners, manufacturers and distributors of reusable industrial packaging. RIPA represents over 90% of the industrial packaging reconditioning industry in North American including many of the world’s leading manufacturers of steel, plastic and fiber drums, as well as intermediate bulk containers. RIPA’s membership also includes many of the leading suppliers of industrial packaging parts, coatings and accessories. RIPA is a founding member of the International Confederation of Container Reconditioners, which represents industrial container reconditioning businesses globally.

