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AHAM BESTOWS INDUSTRY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Washington, D.C. (April 21, 2009)—The Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) held its annual member meeting in Washington, D.C., where industry leaders were honored for their service and leadership to the industry and to the association. This year’s meeting, “Organized for Opportunity,” was held from April 19-21, 2009 at the Mayflower Hotel.

The industry’s top honor, the Home Appliance Industry Leadership (HAIL) Award was presented to Franz Bosshard, Senior Vice President of BSH Home Appliances Corporation. He chaired AHAM’s Major Appliance Division Board from 2006-2008 and has served as a member of the AHAM Board of Directors since 2004. Bosshard retired last year as President and CEO of BSH, North America. He brought significant leadership and commitment to his role as a Division chair and helped build a precedent for senior business leader participation in AHAM. He also participated in Division Board meetings for both the Portable Appliance and Floor Care Divisions.

The Michael C. Thompson Public Policy Award was presented to Sarah Bovim, Director, Congressional Relations and International Trade for Whirlpool Corporation. This award, created in 2004, recognizes extraordinary effort and accomplishment in the area of public policy affecting the home appliance industry. Bovim has led Whirlpool’s Washington, D.C. office since 2006. She has provided important leadership and advocacy and was instrumental in the enactment of the 2007 Energy Independence and Security Act, which included landmark energy and water saving appliance standards provisions. She also played a significant role in the

extension of the manufacturers tax credit for super efficient appliances in 2008 and the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008.

The AHAM Distinguished Service Award recognizes significant contributions by virtue of longevity and quality of service to AHAM and the home appliance industry. This year's Distinguished Service Award recipients are Rick Habben, Safety Compliance Engineer for Wahl Clipper Corporation; Anthony Hardaway, Lead Engineer, Fabric Care Technology for Whirlpool Corporation and Steven Polinski, Regulatory Affairs Product Development Engineer for Miele. All of the Distinguished Service Award winners provided AHAM with leadership and technical expertise while serving on various task forces and committees to revise AHAM performance standards and test methods.

AHAM congratulates all 2009 recipients. The 2010 AHAM annual member meeting will take place on April 25-26 at the Wigwam Hotel in Litchfield Park, Arizona.

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