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AHAM HONORS APPLIANCE INDUSTRY LEADERS AT ANNUAL MEETING

Washington, D.C. (April 25, 2012)—The Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) recognized its top volunteer leaders for their service and leadership to the appliance industry at AHAM's annual member meeting held at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort in Naples, FL, April 22-23. The theme of this year's meeting was "Strategies for the Future," and focuses on ways manufacturers, suppliers and retailers can work together on issues such as energy efficiency, sustainability and how these sectors will shape the homes of the future by utilizing smarter, more energy efficient appliances.

The Home Appliance Industry Leadership (HAIL) Award, the industry's top honor that recognizes individuals who embody industry leadership, have made innovative use of AHAM resources to benefit the industry and who have volunteered significant time and effort to an AHAM project, was presented to Kevin Mazzella, Chief Engineer at GE Appliances & Lighting and Dave Aupperlee, Senior Manager, Product Safety and Regulatory Affairs, at Bissell Inc.

Mr. Mazzella is a 20-year GE employee and received the award for leading the development of the industry's first sustainability standard for refrigeration products, a groundbreaking effort two years in the making. Mr. Aupperlee joined Bissell Inc. in 2008 and was honored for his leadership as a Chairman of the Floor Care-Portable Appliance Sustainability Task Force where the entire industry has benefited from his knowledge of regulatory issues and environmental science and his willingness to serve as a mentor to his colleagues.

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 the award was presented to members of the Refrigeration and Portable Floor Care Sustainability Task Force for their hard work in developing sustainability standards for refrigeration products and portable and floor care products. This is only the second time that the Distinguished Service Award has been given to an entire task force.

Additionally, AHAM presented its Emerging Leader Award, which recognizes and encourages service and volunteer leadership among AHAM members, to Scott Mohler, Engineering Technician with Lasko Products, Inc. and Brice Bowley, Platform Leader, Air Products with GE Lighting & Appliances.

AHAM congratulates all award recipients. The 2013 AHAM annual member meeting will take place on April 28-29 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Washington, D.C.

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