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**BE GREEN PACKAGING, LLC RECEIVES STATEWIDE AWARD FOR
ACHIEVEMENTS IN PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP**

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Sacramento, CA – August 4, 2015. Be Green Packaging is one of four companies operating in California who will be honored by the **California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC)** during the organization's 6th Annual Arrow Awards ceremony held at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles on August 6, 2015 at the **California Resource Recovery Association's** 39th annual conference and tradeshow.

Be Green Packaging is the winner of the Golden Arrow Award for Overall Excellence in Product Stewardship. This award is given to a company that demonstrates excellence in several aspects of product stewardship, including green design, toxics and packaging reduction, increased reuse, repair, re-manufacture, convenient product take-back and end of life (EOL) management for one or more products.

Be Green Packaging designs, manufactures and distributes the only non-GMO verified, tree-free and compostable packaging for the food and consumer packaging industries.

The first food packaging company to be certified Cradle to Cradle, Be Green Packaging foodservice products hold a Silver certification, and their packaging materials are tree-free Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) certified compostable and are made from agricultural waste and/or rapidly renewable fibers such as bamboo. Be Green Packaging continues to advance closed loop systems and zero-waste production techniques in the industry and at their manufacturing facilities in Ridgeland South Carolina and China and feature innovative systems for water recycling, composting, recycling, and zero-waste.

Be Green Packaging holds additional 3rd party certifications from numerous organizations, including the Non-GMO Project Verified Product, USDA BioPreferred Products Program, and Western Michigan University's Recycling Pilot Program. **“Be Green Packaging was selected by CPSC for the Golden Arrow Award because of their exemplary overall stewardship**

efforts including green sourcing, green design, building partnerships and going the extra mile bringing manufacturing jobs back to the U.S.,” said Heidi Sanborn, Executive Director.

“Our entire company is grateful to the CPSC for the recognition of our products and mission. This certainly confirms our belief that the world can be a better place because of the work we all do here at Be Green Packaging,” said Ron Blitzer, Co-Founder Be Green



Packaging. Established in 2007, Be Green Packaging is headquartered in Santa Barbara and now manufacturers in Ridgeland South Carolina. Be Green makes packaging for food service and consumer items for companies such as Proctor & Gamble, Whole Foods, Google, Dig Inn, Rubio’s, Virgin America, Delta Airlines and Alaska Airlines.

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Be Green Packaging founded in 2007 is now a part of The Riverside Company: a global private equity firm focused on investing in growing enterprises valued at up to \$300 million/€200 million. The firm’s global portfolio includes more than 75 companies. Since its founding in 1988, Riverside has invested in more than 380 transactions. For more information, please go to: www.begreenpackaging.com



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**IPSEN BIOPHARMACEUTICALS, INC. RECEIVES STATEWIDE AWARD FOR
ACHIEVEMENTS IN PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP**

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Sacramento, CA – August 4, 2015. Ipsen Biopharmaceuticals, Inc. is one of four companies operating in California who will be honored by the **California Product Stewardship Council** (CPSC) during the organization's 6th Annual Arrow Awards ceremony held at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles on August 6, 2015 at the **California Resource Recovery Association's** 39th annual conference and tradeshow.

Ipsen Biopharmaceuticals is the winner of the Green Arrow Award for System & Design Innovations. This award is given to a company that demonstrates an innovative product, package or system-approach that removes or reduces toxic or other problematic attributes present in other similar products.

Ipsen Biopharmaceuticals is a pharmaceutical company with 18 full time employees in California. Based on its product stewardship strategy, Ipsen launched its innovative medication delivery system of Somatuline® Depot (lanreotide) Injection in the US market in 2014.

“We are dedicated to developing and delivering innovative solutions to help improve the lives of patients as well as reduce medical waste and packaging and are honored to receive this award from the California Product Stewardship Council,” said Cynthia Schwalm, Chief Executive Officer, Ipsen Biopharmaceuticals, Inc. “Safe’n’Sound® technology, which is incorporated into the delivery system for our product Somatuline® Depot, reduces waste as well as helps prevent needle stick injuries.”

Ipsen's new delivery system has a needle that automatically retracts after the medication has been administered, eliminating the presence of free needles and resulting in a reduction of 50 percent of used needle waste. Supplied as a prefilled syringe, the product requires no reconstitution eliminating the need for vials. A plunger protector is included that helps guard against loss of medication. These features, coupled with a low volume formulation, have resulted in an estimated reduction in mass of medical waste generated of 40 percent per dose versus prior formulations of the product. The syringes and needle cap are manufactured without latex or natural dry rubber. Furthermore, the product is manufactured without solvents, resulting in a toxics reduction of 53 tons of solvents. It is estimated that 67 tons of carbon dioxide are avoided per year from this new delivery system, as well as a reduction of 6,083 pounds of packaging.

“We are pleased to select Ipsen for the Green Arrow Award for System & Design Innovations as Ipsen has not only taken the initiative to reduce the waste, toxic substances, and GHG emissions typically associated with this therapy, their innovative new delivery system also helps protect medical professionals and sanitation workers from needle stick injuries,” said Heidi Sanborn, Executive Director, CPSC.



Photo Courtesy of Ipsen Biopharmaceuticals, Inc.

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Ipsen Biopharmaceuticals, Inc. is a global specialty-driven pharmaceutical company with total sales exceeding EUR1.2 billion in 2014. Ipsen's ambition is to become a leader in specialty healthcare solutions for targeted debilitating diseases. Its development strategy is supported by 3 franchises: neurology, endocrinology and uro-oncology. Moreover, the Group has an active policy of partnerships. Ipsen's R&D is focused on its innovative and differentiated technological platforms, peptides and toxins. In 2013, R&D expenditure totaled close to EUR260 million, representing more than 21 percent of Group sales. Moreover, Ipsen also has a significant presence in primary care. The Group has close to 4,600 employees worldwide. Ipsen's shares are traded on segment A of Euronext Paris (stock code: IPN, ISIN code: FR0010259150) and eligible to the "Service de Règlement Différé" ("SRD"). The Group is part of the SBF 120 index. Ipsen has implemented a Sponsored Level I American Depositary Receipt (ADR) program, which trade on the over-the-counter market in the United States under the symbol IPSEY. For more information, visit www.ipсен.com.



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**KAMPS PROPANE RECEIVES STATEWIDE AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN
PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP**

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Sacramento, CA – August 4, 2015. Kamps Propane is one of four companies operating in California who will be honored by the **California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC)** during the organization's 6th Annual Arrow Awards ceremony held at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles on August 6, 2015 at the **California Resource Recovery Association's** 39th annual conference and tradeshow.

Kamps Propane is the winner of the Bow & Arrow Award for Coalition Building. This award is given to a company or group that has excelled in building partnerships and demonstrating the inter-dependence between producers, distributors, retailers, public agencies and other stakeholders.

Based out of Manteca, CA, Kamps Propane has been providing propane delivery services since 1969, and Pick Up Propane is Kamps' propane tank exchange operation. According to Kamps Propane, an estimated 4 million one-pound cylinders are sold in the California every year. One-pound propane gas cylinders are used to fuel portable stoves, heaters, lanterns and chefs torches to powering small engines on boats, lawn care equipment, scooters and ice drills. Since the process for recycling the cylinders is expensive, they believe at least 30 percent are used, thrown away, and not recycled. Because they are considered hazardous waste, when they are brought to household hazardous waste facilities they require special handling. Pick Up Propane recycles used one-pound cylinders for its customers at an average cost of \$1.25 per cylinder. **“As a result of seeing the impacts of large numbers of disposable gas cylinders in the waste stream, Kamps Propane has chosen to offer the new refillable one-pound propane gas cylinders, not because it's a road to riches but because it's the a way to reduce waste associated with the use of our product,”** according to Josh Simpson, Marketing Director for Kamps Propane and Pick Up Propane.

Kamps Propane purchases refillable one-pound propane gas cylinders, branding them the “Little Kamper,” and sells and exchanges them through their Kamps retail locations and Pick Up

Propane exchange service. This allows customers to re-use the container, reducing the cost, hassle and waste that typically accompanies single-use one-pound propane gas cylinders. This also offers significant safety advantages, as it aims to mitigate the illegal re-use and refilling of disposable one-pound cylinders.



Photo Courtesy of Kamps Propane

The disposable cylinders themselves represent 80 percent of the purchase price for the consumer. By purchasing and reusing one refillable cylinder, which last for up to twelve years, the consumer will save \$128.26 after 50 uses and avoid the cost and hassle of disposing of 50 cylinders. **“CPSC is pleased to select Kamps Propane for this award, not only are they changing their industry, they are the first propane service provider to partner with non-governmental organizations and local governments on the development and implementation of the *ReFuel Your Fun* campaign,”** said Heidi Sanborn, Executive Director. **ReFuel Your Fun** is promoting the use of refillable one-pound propane cylinders to retailers and the public funded by a grant from **CalRecycle**.



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Kamps Propane has served the clean energy needs of California since 1969. Headquartered in Manteca, California they are the leading propane company in the state and one of the only propane suppliers in California that offers propane via wholesale, retail and resale distribution. Pick Up Propane is their BBQ gas or BBQ tank exchange company and Kiva Energy is their wholesale propane company serving the Western United States. For more information, please go to: www.KampsPropane.com.



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COLE HARDWARE RECEIVES STATEWIDE AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP

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Sacramento, CA – August 4, 2015. Cole Hardware is one of four companies operating in California who will be honored by the **California Product Stewardship Council** (CPSC) during the organization's 6th Annual Arrow Awards ceremony held at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles on August 6, 2015 at the **California Resource Recovery Association's** 39th annual conference and tradeshow.

Cole Hardware is the winner of the Infinity Arrow Award for Service & Take-Back. This award is given to a retail business, group of businesses, or chain that has initiated an outstanding take-back program for one or more products as an additional service to their customers, and works with the producers of those products in developing safe storage and recovery of used products and packages.

A local hardware store with four locations in San Francisco and one in Oakland, Cole Hardware was one of the two original retailers that partnered with the San Francisco Retail Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program (Retail Program), which started in 1997. **"All Cole Hardware locations operate under the founder Dave's guiding premise: There are no strangers here, just friends we haven't met,"** says Dave's son Rick Karp, who now serves as president. Their participation in the program allowed customers to conveniently drop off their household batteries, and their take-back services have since expanded to all of their locations, collecting batteries, paint, fluorescent lights, and empty camp-size propane cylinders. **"Cole Hardware is truly a leader in the retail industry by providing take-back services for such a large number of products,"** said Heidi Sanborn, Executive Director of CPSC. In addition to the Retail Program Cole Hardware also partners with other organizations to accept electronic waste, scrap metal, old keys, printer cartridges, soft plastic, Brita products, and spent holiday lights for recycling. **"Cole Hardware is honored and thrilled to receive this award. We appreciate**

working with such a vibrant Department of the Environment as San Francisco’s and we realize how providing this service to City residents makes us an integral part of the community,” said Julia Strzesieski, Marketing Coordinator for Cole Hardware, when she was notified the company had won the award.

All of Cole Hardware’s San Francisco locations are certified with the San Francisco Green Business Program, and it is one of the few partners in the San Francisco Retail Program that volunteer to provide take-back for all waste types in the program and collect at all their locations. In fact, their four locations in San Francisco have collected 24 percent of the total waste by the Retail Program last fiscal year, including 1,500 pounds of household batteries. **“I want to thank and congratulate Cole Hardware for helping the City reach Zero Waste. Cole Hardware was one of the first retailers to serve as a collection partner for San Francisco’s Retail Program. Their commitment to serving the community and environment started back in 1997, and they have continued to expand on this commitment for almost 20 years,”** said Debbie Raphael, Director of San Francisco Department of the Environment.



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Cole Hardware - Locally owned and San Francisco-based, Cole Hardware was founded in 1961 when Dave Karp bought the flagship store that had been in Cole Valley since the 1920s. Expansions over the years include stores downtown, in the Mission, and in the Russian Hill neighborhood in San Francisco, as well as a Commercial Supply division and Repair Referral Service. The newest store opened in Oakland’s Rockridge neighborhood in January 2015. For more information, please go to www.colehardware.com.

San Francisco Department of the Environment creates visionary policies and innovative programs that promote social equity, protect human health, and lead the way toward a sustainable future. We put our mission into action by mobilizing communities and providing the resources needed to safeguard our homes, our city, and ultimately our planet. For more information, please go to: www.sfenvironment.org.