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HART INDUSTRIES ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF 2016 SQF LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATION AUDIT – “100% and Excellent”

Achievement follows same results of 2015

Owings Mills, Maryland- Hart Industries, a leading supplier of specialty flexible packaging, successfully completed its annual SQF certification in November 2016. Having achieved an Audit Score of 100 and Audit Rating of Excellent, Hart maintains the highest level of certification, Level 3, under the rigorous code of the Safe Quality Food Institute.



The SQF certification complies with new developments of the 2011 Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) and the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI). These regulations reflect heightened consumer concern for greater food safety, requiring packaging suppliers to provide verifiable proof that a robust quality and safety control system is in effect. This certification puts Hart on the forefront of the quality and food safety initiative, and allows Hart’s customers to feel assured that all of their products conform to the strictest domestic and international food safety regulations.

Timothy Hart, President of Hart Industries, commented on the achievement stating, “We are tremendously proud of our SQF Level 3 Certification; achieving a 100% Audit Score and Excellent Audit Rating in consecutive years demonstrates the level of commitment everyone here at Hart Industries has for their roles and responsibilities. We know what this means to our current and prospective customers. Having this certification frequently sets us apart from our competition.



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Customers expect this level of commitment to food safety and transparency. This is an important part of Hart Industries' identity.”

T.J. Hart, Quality Compliance and Regulatory Officer, was once again the primary lead in the SQF annual certification audit. “When we began our initiative in 2015 to become SQF Certified, our motivation was to address the FDA and other Agency’s concerns with food packaging safety; as well as our customers. Having now achieved a 100% Audit Score and Excellent Audit Rating for the second consecutive year, many of our customers, new and old alike, celebrate our success with us and want us to be a part of their team. These fundamental processes ensure that we are protecting their brands; as every print run has to meet the enhanced quality standards.”

About Hart Industries

Hart Industries, Inc. (Hart) is a premiere source for world-class flexographic printing and converting located in a modern, hygienic, climate-controlled facility. Hart is responsible for placing top brands in consumer hands for the last 45 years. Dedication to customer service and reliability has allowed Hart to become a long-term supplier of quality packaging solutions—focusing on specialty paper and coated packaging for the manufacturers of consumer products in the US and around the world. Hart prides itself on the consistency and reliable quality of its products, its innovative approach to providing packaging solutions, and the stability Hart brings to the supply chain for its customers. To learn more about Hart Industries, please visit our website www.hartind.com or contact Clayton Shelhoss, Vice President of Sales and Marketing, at 410-581-1902 or cshelhoss@hartind.com.



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