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Ball Announces Most Sustainable Plants for 2013

BROOMFIELD, Colo., April 28, 2014 /PRNewswire/ --Ball Corporation (NYSE: BLL) today recognized six of its 61 global plants with the R. David Hoover Sustainability Award for exceptional economic, social and environmental performance in 2013. The annual award recognizes one plant in each Ball packaging division or product group with the best overall sustainability improvement.

The most sustainable plants for 2013 include:

- Beijing, China (Ball Asia Pacific)
- Chestnut Hill, Tenn. (Global Food and Household Products)
- La Ciotat, France (Ball Packaging Europe)
- Monticello, Ind. (Beverage Cans, Americas)
- Velim, Czech Republic (Global Extruded Aluminum Packaging)
- Verona, Va. (Global Slugs)

"At Ball, sustainability has been a part of who we are for more than 134 years and is an important aspect of our Drive for 10 vision," said John A. Hayes, chairman, president and chief executive officer. "Thanks to their disciplined execution of this vision, and their careful and deliberate balance of our economic, environmental and social impacts, our plants and their employees are positioning Ball for continued long-term success."

Every year, each of Ball's plants around the world is evaluated based on performance in various categories, including the reduction of electricity, natural gas, water usage, waste and volatile organic compounds (VOCs), as well as overall safety record, sharing of best practices, local support of packaging collection and recycling, charitable contributions and volunteerism.

Ball established the R. David Hoover Sustainability Award in 2011 in honor of the company's former chairman, president and CEO, who was a key driver in the development of Ball's formal sustainability program. Ball is an industry leader in sustainability reporting and practices and will issue its fourth biennial sustainability report in May.

About Ball Corporation

Ball Corporation supplies innovative, sustainable packaging solutions for beverage, food and household products customers, as well as aerospace and other technologies and services primarily for the U.S. government. Ball Corporation and its subsidiaries employ 14,500

people worldwide and reported 2013 sales of $8.5 billion. For more information, visit www.ball.com, or connect with us on Facebook or Twitter.

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