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Ball's Kilrain Honored by Manufacturing Institute for Leadership, Excellence

BROOMFIELD, Colo., March 2, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Paula Kilrain, deputy general manager of tactical solutions for Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. (NYSE: BLL), will receive the STEP Ahead Women in Manufacturing Award on April 21, 2016, in Washington, D.C.

The fourth annual Science, Technology, Engineering and Production (STEP) Ahead Awards celebrate women in the manufacturing industry who make a difference through advocacy, mentorship, engagement, promotion and leadership. The awards are part of a larger STEP Ahead initiative designed to attract, develop, advance and retain highly capable female talent.

Kilrain leads Ball's business unit responsible for the large-scale production of thousands of antennas, subsystems and instruments. She joined Ball in 2004 and was appointed deputy general manager of tactical solutions in 2009.

"Paula is a superb leader," said Rob Freedman, vice president, tactical solutions. "She connects easily with people, drives for results and closure, and uses data effectively to help set priorities and realistic objectives."

Kilrain holds an MBA from the University of Denver and a B.S. from the University of Pennsylvania. Prior assignments at Ball include director of production, managing the IR&D portfolio and establishing the program management office. She attended Naval Aviator training in Pensacola, Florida, earning her wings in 1987. She also served as a combat support pilot flying CH-46 Sea Knight on several at sea deployments. As the first female HH-1N pilot flying Technical Mountain Rescue, she is credited with multiple rescues and life-saving missions. She finished her 20-year military career flying C-130's and serving as the Colorado Air National Guard's Inspector General.

In addition to Kilrain, the STEP event will recognize 30 Emerging Leaders and 99 other Honorees, their nominating organizations, company leadership and peers within the industry.

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 15,000 people worldwide and reported 2015 sales of $8.0 billion. For more information, visit www.ball.com, or connect with us on Facebook or Twitter.

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