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TRC Names Johnstone Supply as 2013 Big Man on Planet *Johnstone Supply takes top award for mercury thermostat collection efforts in competition among HARDI members*

Alexandria, Va. (December 9, 2013) — Thermostat Recycling Corporation (TRC) today announced that Johnstone Supply has been named the 2013 Big Man On Planet (BMOP), an annual award given by TRC in partnership with Heating Air-conditioning and Refrigeration Distributors International (HARDI). The BMOP award is presented to the HARDI member who collected the most mercury thermostats through TRC's program during the competition, May 15th – October 31st.

"HARDI is thrilled with the total results of the Big Man on the Planet Competition. This program shows HARDI distributors' continued commitment to helping the communities that they serve and providing value to their customers. We value our relationship with TRC for running the BMOP program and its continued partnership with HARDI members throughout the year," said Talbot Gee, HARDI Executive Vice President & C.O.O.

This year HARDI members with more than 600 locations nationwide competed in BMOP, compared to 233 locations in 2012. Johnstone Supply won by recovering 11,179 thermostats and keeping 107 lbs of mercury out of the waste stream during the competition. They were recognized and presented a trophy by TRC at HARDI's annual conference today in Phoenix, AZ.

"We are very excited to win this award. It shows our members' level of commitment to doing the right thing for the environment and providing solutions for the customers we serve," said Jeff Schultz, Johnstone Product Manager.

“The BMOP Award is a great opportunity for HARDI members to be recognized for their work to protect the environment, and Johnstone Supply has done an outstanding job of that,” said Mark Tibbetts, TRC Executive Director. “Johnstone Supply was truly in it to win it this year and their efforts to champion the TRC program have contributed significantly to the program’s growth and success.”

About Johnstone Supply

Johnstone Supply is the leading cooperative wholesale distributor in the HVACR industry, with well over \$1.5 billion in annual sales and more than 375 independently owned store locations across America. Johnstone Supply offers superior customer service, technical advice and training seminars, an annual print catalog featuring over 30,000 HVACR parts, supplies and equipment, and a valuable website resource with a searchable online catalog featuring more than 60,000 products ordered directly from local stores. Johnstone is proud to be an official partner and active contributor to Operation Homefront, a national non-profit providing emergency financial and other assistance to the families of military members and wounded warriors.

www.JohnstoneSupply.com

About HARDI

Heating, Air-conditioning and Refrigeration Distributors International (HARDI) represents more than 460 wholesale companies, more than 300 manufacturing associates and nearly 125 manufacturer representatives. HARDI members represent an estimated 85 percent of the dollar value of the HVACR products sold through distribution.

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About Thermostat Recycling Corporation

The Thermostat Recycling Corporation, founded in 1998, is an industry-funded non-profit corporation supported by 31 manufacturers who historically branded and sold mercury thermostats in the United States. TRC maintains a network of more than 3,600 collection sites nationwide and has recovered more than 1.4 million thermostats since its inception. TRC assumes all costs to transport and properly dispose of mercury switch thermostats recovered from service. Learn more about TRC by finding us on [Facebook](#), or following us on [Twitter](#).

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