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Cope Plastics, Inc. Vice President John Then Receives 2014 IAPD Pacesetter Award

OVERLAND PARK, Kans. – The International Association of Plastics Distribution (IAPD) announced that the 2014 Pacesetter Award recipient is John Then during the opening general session of the 58th Annual IAPD Convention and Plastics Expo on October 29 in Chicago, IL, USA. The Pacesetter Award is presented in recognition of an IAPD volunteer leader who set the pace for the association. Then was given the honor due to his dedication to the IAPD Government Relations Committee, which he has helped form and become a significant resource to lawmakers in Washington, DC, USA, when they need information about the plastics industry.

“While the IAPD Government Relations Committee was forming, John was recruited to help launch the committee and has been a critical part of helping it reach its initial goals. His contributions have included participating in the 2013 and 2014 Plastics Industry Fly-in events in Washington, D.C., meeting with local and national lawmakers and telling the stories of IAPD members to ensure the well-being of the plastics industry and your businesses. John’s participation has set IAPD up for a strong voice on Capitol Hill,” said IAPD CEO Susan E. Avery, CAE. “When IAPD was in the market for a new GR firm, John was involved in the vetting and interview process. He also took the lead in writing a response to U.S. Congressman Kevin Yoder about LEED 2012 and its impact on the plastics industry. Further, his close ties with Congressman John Shimkus has been instrumental in helping the broader plastics industry get scientific data into the legislative and regulatory decision-making process. John is truly setting the pace for the future of the association and the plastics industry.”

John Then is vice president of finance, CFO of Cope Plastics, Inc. He joined the company in 2004 after serving as president of a local consulting firm, where he had worked with clients in company acquisitions. He joined Cope because he is a family-oriented person and Cope’s core values and owner’s philosophy matched his own values and he saw great opportunities for company growth. Then is a graduate of Washington University, St. Louis, MO, USA and the Laclede School of Law, also in St. Louis. In addition, Then is a graduate of the National Graduate Trust School at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL, USA, where he achieved the designation Certified Financial Services Counselor.

About IAPD

The International Association of Plastics Distribution (IAPD), established in 1956, brings together distributors, fabricators, manufacturers, manufacturers’ representatives, recyclers and service

providers in an environment which encourages a free flow of ideas and information that help members build their businesses.

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