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AERC Recycling Solutions Attains R2 / RIOS™ Certification for Hayward, California Facility

Flanders, NJ – July 18, 2011 – AERC.com, Inc.'s (AERC Recycling Solutions) Electronics Processing Com-Cycle facility in Hayward, California has attained R2 / RIOS™ Certification. AERC / Com-Cycle Hayward is located at 1475 Crocker Avenue, Hayward, California. This AERC / Com-Cycle facility has been audited by Perry Johnson Registrars, Inc. (PJR Associates), an Accredited Certification Body for the R2 (Responsible Recycling) and RIOS™ (Recycling Industry Operating Standards).

AERC currently has four Electronics Processing Com-Cycle facilities distinguished as Certified Electronics Recycler® facilities (see www.certifiedelectronicsrecycler.com). The Company is committed to obtaining R2 / RIOS™ Certification for its remaining Com-Cycle facility located in Allentown, PA. AERC / Com-Cycle West Melbourne was the first of AERC's facilities to become a Certified Electronics Recycler® in 2010.

"Four of our Com-Cycle facilities are R2 and RIOS™ Certified. Later this year, the Company anticipates all Com-Cycle facilities will be classified as a Certified Electronics Recycler®, which is a testament to AERC's commitment to compliance. This is an integral step for the next phase of the Company's growth plans. AERC currently services clients across the United States with ten of its own facilities and two transfer stations in the United States. Expanding its national footprint to include additional locations will provide additional servicing options to clients and continue providing a customized solution in new markets," says Peter J. Jegou, Chief Executive Officer of AERC Recycling Solutions.

"AERC Recycling continues to be at the forefront of this rapidly globalizing industry," ISRI President Robin Wiener said. "There is no higher or more exacting standard. AERC has made a significant commitment to the very highest business and social responsibility standards and they are willing to prove it."

RIOS™--the recycling industry's standard for integrated quality, environmental and health & safety management systems--is administered by ISRI Services Corporation (ISC). The R2 Practices is the consensus standard for responsible electronics recycling developed by a multi-stakeholder group convened by the U.S. EPA. R2 is supported by ISC via the RIOS™ program and is administered by R2 Solutions (www.R2Solutions.org). R2 contains specific requirements for recyclers who dismantle, refurbish or recycle end-of-life electronics. Together, these industry standards make up ISRI's R2 / RIOS™ Certified Electronics Recycler® Program.

"The standards defined in the R2 and RIOS™ Certification Programs are a much needed first step in the electronics recycling industry. AERC stands out as the first company in the industry which now combines the rigorous permitting process under the Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) for Hazardous Waste handling and processing as well as meeting the standards set by the R2 and RIOS™ Certification Programs. AERC has been permitted for almost two decades for the safe and best available technology for mercury recycling and recovery. Many electronic devices (such as laptops, cell phones, and other consumer electronics) currently in the marketplace contain mercury. As AERC Recycling Solutions celebrated twenty years of environmental service in 2010, I am very pleased to see AERC distinguished as one of the first electronics recycling companies that is a Certified Electronics Recycler®," states Robert W. Landmesser, Founder and Chairman of AERC Recycling Solutions.

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All AERC facilities are registered with or permitted by the EPA and are in compliance with all applicable Federal, State, Local EPA and OSHA regulations. Attaining R2 / RIOS™ Certification is a further testament of the quality of AERC's Com-Cycle process. Other points of distinction for the Company include membership to Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI), National Association of Information Destruction (NAID), Association of Service and Computer Dealers International (ASCDI), Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) and Silicon Valley Leadership Group (SVLG). AERC's Electronics Processing Com-Cycle facility in Allentown, Pennsylvania is NAID Certified. Company facility locations throughout the United States have been audited by CHWMEG, an independent auditor used by many Fortune 500 companies. In addition to electronics recycling services, AERC also manages Universal Wastes including lamps, batteries, ballasts, and mercury-containing devices. AERC Allentown is one of only five mercury retort operations in the United States.

The R2 standard can be found at the US EPA's website (<http://www.epa.gov/waste/consERVE/materials/ecycling/r2practices.htm>) or R2 Solutions' website (www.R2Solutions.org).

Information about RIOS™ can be found on ISRI's website: <https://www.isri.org/RIOS>

Certified Electronics Recycler® facilities are listed at: <http://www.certifiedelectronicsrecycler.com>

About AERC Recycling Solutions

AERC Recycling Solutions is committed to a green world by helping clients in proper end-of-life management of assets, including those containing sensitive data and components hazardous to our environment. AERC has become an industry leader through its partnerships with clients by providing unmatched convenience, regulatory compliance and expert consulting to handle Electronic Waste issues. AERC is committed to responsible recycling practices for a healthier tomorrow.

AERC maintains a Zero-Waste-to-Landfill Policy for all of its hazardous electronics / electrical recycling services. AERC owns and operates five wholly owned Electronics Processing Com-Cycle facilities in five separate geographic locations. AERC's Com-Cycle facilities in Ashland, VA, West Melbourne, FL, Houston, TX, and Hayward, CA are each classified as Certified Electronics Recycler® facilities, independently certified to both the R2 and RIOS™ standards. AERC is committed to certifying all five electronics recycling facilities. All electronics are dismantled domestically by our highly trained staff. Any information on data storage devices is either wiped to the standards set by the Department of Defense or physically destroyed. AERC offers its clients compliance with Federal, State, and Local regulations. For additional information please visit <http://www.aercrecycling.com/> or www.com-cycle.com.

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