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### **Mike Porreca Honored with Top Industry Achievement Award**

Rockville, MD – Michael Porreca, COO, National Container Group, has been selected by his industry peers to receive the 2017 Morris Hershson Award of Merit. Mr. Porreca will be given the award at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, Orlando, FL, on October 12, 2017 at the 76th Annual Conference of the Reusable Industrial Packaging Association. RIPA presents the prestigious award to an individual for “distinguished and longstanding service” to the reusable industrial packaging industry.

The Morris Hershson Award of Merit commemorates Mr. Hershson who was president of RIPA (then called the National Barrel and Drum Association) for 35 years until his death in 1985. Mr. Hershson is credited with developing the association into a leading advocate for the reconditioning industry in North America and around the world.

Mr. Porreca has worked in the industrial container reconditioning industry for nearly 35 years, beginning with Acme Barrel Company and, more recently, with National Container Group. Porreca has served on the RIPA Board of Directors for several terms and has lead or been a member of numerous association committees over the years.

An acknowledged technical expert, Mr. Porreca began his career in the industry as an assistant plant manager and quickly worked his way into various upper-management positions. In recent years, Mr. Porreca has traveled the world on behalf of NCG overseeing the construction and operation of numerous reconditioning facilities. Today, Mr. Porreca oversees the operations of 41 NCG facilities globally.

“All RIPA members recognize and appreciate the many contributions made to our industry by Mike Porreca,” said RIPA Chairman Dan Burek. “Mike has been a major contributor to the association through his Board service and work on various committees. But, perhaps more importantly, he has always been willing to share his technical knowledge with industry colleagues in North America and around the world,” noted Burek.

**About Reusable Industrial Packaging Association**

For over 75 years, the Reusable Industrial Packaging Association (RIPA) has been the trade association representing North American reconditioners, manufacturers and distributors of reusable industrial packaging. RIPA represents over 90% of the industrial packaging reconditioning industry in North American including many of the world’s leading manufacturers of steel, plastic and fiber drums, as well as intermediate bulk containers. RIPA’s membership also includes many of the leading suppliers of industrial packaging parts, coatings and accessories. RIPA is a founding members of the International Confederation of Container Reconditioners, which represents industrial container reconditioning businesses globally.