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IARW Releases Lists of World's Largest Cold Storage Companies

WASHINGTON, DC, September 24, 2008 – The International Association of Refrigerated Warehouses (IARW) has released its annual IARW Global Top 25 List of the public refrigerated warehouses (PRWs) with the greatest capacity of warehouse space in the world. Accompanying the Global Top 25 is the IARW North American Top 20 List.

The IARW Global Top 25 List, highlighting the largest international PRW companies, has been expanded from 20 companies to 25 companies this year.

“Our membership is rapidly growing around the world,” said IARW President and CEO Bill Hudson. “We expanded our international list to better reflect the breadth of global companies and facilities we represent.” The Global Top 25 includes PRW companies from Australia, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Sweden, Vietnam, and the United States of America.

The combined space of IARW’s total membership, including the Global Top 25 members and the North American Top 20, saw an 18 percent increase from this time last year, operating approximately 3.7 billion cubic feet (more than 104 million cubic meters). The Global Top 25 operates 2.7 billion cubic feet (76.3 million cubic meters) and the North American Top 20 operates 2.2 billion cubic feet (62.5 million cubic meters).

The totals are significantly higher than last year due to industry growth and IARW effort to build membership and develop key partnerships. Millard Refrigerated Services, one of the largest refrigerated warehouse and distribution companies in the United States, has joined IARW. Included in Millard's IARW Membership are 35 facilities and 275 million cubic feet (7,787,120 million cubic meters) of public refrigerated warehouse space. In addition, IARW partnered with Australia's Refrigerated Warehouse and Transport Association (RWTA) in 2007. Through a special Affiliate Partner agreement, members of RWTA receive select IARW membership benefits and are counted as members of IARW.

A complete listing of all IARW Members can be found in the *Global Cold Chain Directory*. This 500-page guide has easily navigable, color-coded sections in which manufacturers, distributors and retailers can find an international selection of cold storage warehouses, refrigerated transportation companies, cold storage design experts, and industry suppliers.

"We now represent almost all of the major companies in the world," said Hudson. "When our *2009 Global Cold Chain Directory* is published next year, you will see the most comprehensive listing of public refrigerated warehouses on a global basis ever."

The *2009 Global Cold Chain Directory* will be available —free of charge—to food manufacturers, grocers, food service employees, trucking companies, and others working in the cold chain in March 2009.

The Global Top 25 and the North American Top 20 Lists are available online at <http://iarw.org/hq/aboutus/reports.asp>.

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Founded in 1891, the International Association of Refrigerated Warehouses promotes and supports excellence in the temperature-controlled warehouse and logistics industry by providing extensive education, training opportunities, and resources to their member companies to ensure that they are able to provide the best possible service to the global food industry and society at large. IARW is a Core Partner of the Global Cold Chain Alliance (GCCA), an umbrella organization dedicated to forging a universally strong cold chain where every product retains safety and quality through each link. For more information, visit www.gcca.org.