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### **For Immediate Release**

## **SPE THERMOFORMING DIVISION ANNOUNCES CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 'THERMOFORMER OF THE YEAR'**

CAROL STREAM, IL, U.S.A., January 7, 2019: The Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) Thermoforming Division has announced a call for nominations for the annual Thermoformer of the Year Award. The award recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to the thermoforming industry in a technical, educational or managerial capacity.

The nomination deadline is **March 31, 2019**. Nominations will be evaluated by the SPE Thermoforming Division Board of Directors during the Spring board meeting in May.

The 2019 Thermoformer of the Year will be recognized at the awards dinner held during the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual SPE Thermoforming Conference®, which will take place September 9-11 at the Wisconsin Center and Hilton Milwaukee City Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The awards dinner will take place on September 10 at the hotel and will also include the announcement of the winners of the annual Thermoforming Division parts competition.

“The Board is seeking candidates who have led exemplary careers and have contributed to and nurtured the growth of the thermoforming industry,” said Juliet Goff, SPE Thermoforming Division Board Member and Recognition Committee Chair. “Over the years, the Thermoformer of the Year Award has been presented to just 36 captains of our industry.”

The 2017 Thermoformer of the Year award was received by Robert Porsche of General Plastics. As a result of the cancellation of the 2017 SPE Thermoforming Conference because of a hurricane, SPE did not name a 2018 honoree so that Mr. Porsche could receive the award in person during the 2018 Conference.

Guidelines for nominees and the required nomination form are posted online at <http://thermoformingdivision.com/awards-recognitions/thermoformer-of-the-year/nomination-form/>. All materials must be emailed to Juliet Goff at [juliet@kal-plastics.com](mailto:juliet@kal-plastics.com) by the March 31 deadline.

Full information on the current and past winners of the Thermoformer of the Year Award is available at <https://www.thermoformingdivision.com>.

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technical journal, *SPE Thermoforming Quarterly*®. The Division has also funded over \$275K in equipment grants and tens of thousands of dollars in undergraduate scholarships since it was first formed. For more information, please visit <http://thermoformingdivision.com>.