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SPE NAMES THOMAS HAGLIN THERMOFORMER OF THE YEAR

CAROL STREAM, IL, U.S.A., May 13, 2019: The Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) Thermoforming Division has named Thomas Haglin as Thermoformer of the Year.

The award will be presented during SPE's Thermoforming Awards Dinner, held in conjunction with the 27th SPE Thermoforming Conference®. The conference will take place ***September 9-11, 2019 in Milwaukee, WI***, at the Wisconsin Center and the Hilton Milwaukee City Center Hotel. The Awards Dinner will be held on Tuesday, September 10.

Thomas Haglin is CEO and owner of LINDAR Corporation, Baxter, Minnesota, a diversified thermoforming company which he founded in 1993. He is also CEO and owner of Avantech, a producer of tooling for rotational molding, acquired in 2012 by Mr. Haglin and relocated to Baxter in 2016.

In its 165,000 sq.ft. (15,330 sq.m) manufacturing facility, LINDAR employs 175 people and operates nine roll-fed machines, eight sheet-fed formers, six CNC routers, four robotic routers, one label line and one extrusion line. Its annual revenues exceed USD \$35-million.

The company has been a pioneer in packaging for individual cupcakes and desserts, tamper-evident two-piece pie and cake containers, bioplastic packaging, and lenticular lenses for 3D-like packaging effects.

In its annual parts competition, the Thermoforming Division of SPE awarded gold medals to LINDAR Corp. in 2010 and 2014.

A native of Brainerd, Minnesota, Mr. Haglin received a bachelor's degree in management from the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minnesota. He began his professional career in 1985 with Larco / Acrometal, where he was promoted to plant manager.

"Tom Haglin embodies the true spirit of the American Dream, from growing a small acquisition over 25 years ago into a thriving, diversified processor to his broad community service," said Eric Short, SPE Thermoforming Division Chair. "Our industry is fortunate to have Tom Haglin, and we're honored to have him as this year's SPE Thermoformer of the Year."

Past recipients of the Thermoformer of the Year Award may be found on the SPE Thermoforming Division website at <https://thermoformingdivision.com/awards-recognitions/thermoformer-of-the-year/past-winners/>.

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