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## **Automotive Recyclers of Canada and Automotive Recyclers Association Sign a Co-operation Agreement**

London, Ontario – The Automotive Recyclers of Canada (ARC) and the Automotive Recyclers Association (ARA) signed a Co-operation Agreement that lays the foundation for the two associations to work closer together on issues of joint concern, whether they are local or global issues.

George Eliades, Executive Vice President of ARA, traveled to Edmonton to meet with ARC and a group of Canadian recyclers during the Alberta Auto Recyclers & Dismantlers Association annual meeting. The agreement formalizes a relationship that had been developing over the last year. “We look forward to working with our Canadian colleagues – we have much to share and much to learn from each other,” says Mr. Eliades.

ARA is an international association of auto recyclers, representing over 1,000 recyclers in 12 countries around the world. Based out of Fairfax Virginia, ARA recognized that it could not work as effectively as local national associations in dealing with issues in countries outside of the USA.

The auto recycling industry, like the auto manufacturing industry, is increasingly becoming a global industry. “Auto recyclers need to work together regardless of where they operate in the world. Cars are made to increasingly global standards, and a solution to more efficiently dismantle and recycle an automobile developed anywhere needs to be communicated quickly to all professional auto recyclers,” said Steve Fletcher, Managing Director of ARC. “Our relationship with ARA helps obtain crucial information quickly and to broadcast to the world the unique opportunities and issues arising out of Canada.”

An example of the mutual cooperation between the two groups is with the ARA Damage Codes. The ARA developed Damage Code Standards that will benefit auto recyclers and their customers by mass adoption of a standard that describes previous damage to recycled parts. ARA has been working with the Collision Industry Conference (CIC) in the USA to adopt this standard, and ARC has been working with the Canadian Collision Industry Forum (CCIF) to adopt the same standard.

Formed in 1997 as an “association of associations,” the Automotive Recyclers of Canada (ARC) is the national voice of the automotive recycling industry, providing a forum for the channeling of information and for addressing Canada-wide concerns.

ARC represents over 425 professional auto recyclers in Canada through its Member associations: Alberta Automotive Recyclers & Dismantlers Association (AARDA); Association des recycleurs de pièces d'autos et de camions inc. (ARPAC); Automotive Recyclers Association of Atlantic Canada (ARAAC); Automotive Recyclers Association of Manitoba (ARM); British Columbia Automotive Recyclers (B-CAR); Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) Salvage; and the Ontario Automotive Recyclers Association (OARA)

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