

Environmental Services Firm to Establish New Oil Recycling Facility in Speedway

INDIANAPOLIS (July 12, 2010) – Heritage-Crystal Clean, Inc. (NASDAQ: HCCI) announced today that it has selected Indianapolis as the site for its used oil re-refining facility and intends to create up to 75 new jobs by 2013.

The company, which provides services for parts cleaning, containerized waste management, used oil collection and vacuum truck services to customers in the automotive service and manufacturing industries, expects to invest approximately \$40 million to construct and equip a new used oil re-refinery on West 10th Street in Speedway.

“Companies from across the country are realizing that Indiana is a smart place to establish and grow a business,” said Mitch Roob, Secretary of Commerce and Chief Executive Officer of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. “We’re glad to see that Heritage-Crystal Clean has chosen to further invest in our state and create opportunities for Hoosiers in Central Indiana.”

Elgin, Illinois-based Heritage-Crystal Clean employs more than 500 employees and operates at 62 branch locations throughout the Midwest and the Eastern United States. The company expects to begin operating its new re-refinery at partial capacity in 2012 and is in the process of hiring oil route drivers, plant operators, maintenance and supervisory personnel.

“We chose Indiana because it is centrally located with good infrastructure and supports the recycling of used oil,” said Joe Chalhoub, CEO and President for Heritage-Crystal Clean.

Organized in Indiana in 1999, Heritage Crystal Clean, LLC has been expanding the parts cleaning and used oil recycling business started by its predecessor approximately 30 years ago.

“Indianapolis is where Heritage-Crystal Clean’s business began, and we couldn’t be more pleased that the company has chosen to build this re-refinery in the city where it all started and from where it quickly expanded its coverage area to serve its customers,” said Mayor Greg Ballard. “With its decision to build its used oil re-refining facility on the city’s Westside, Heritage-Crystal Clean recognizes that Indianapolis and the town of Speedway offer an ideal location and low costs of doing business. We welcome its growth and wish Heritage-Crystal Clean continued success.”

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered Heritage Crystal-Clean up to \$550,000 in performance-based tax credits based on the company’s job creation plans. Up to an additional \$100,000 will be made available to the city of Indianapolis for infrastructure improvements from the state’s Industrial Development Grant Fund. The city of Indianapolis has granted Heritage Crystal-Clean a \$2.3 million property tax abatement and \$150,000 for additional infrastructure assistance at the request of Develop Indy.

“It’s always great for the town when a business starts, grows and stays a part of the community. The jobs and the investment represent a commitment to the town of Speedway and demonstrate that this is a great place to do business,” said Barbara Lawrence, town manager for Speedway.

Heritage-Crystal Clean’s announcement comes just a little more than a week after Abound Solar Inc. announced that it will locate a solar module manufacturing operation in a Central Indiana facility previously constructed for German transmission maker, Getrag. Abound Solar projects to add up to 850 workers by 2013 at the Tipton, Ind. site.

Safe Harbor Statement

This release contains forward-looking statements that are based upon current management expectations. Generally, the words "aim," "anticipate," "believe," "could," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "plan," "project," "should," "will be," "will continue," "will likely result," "would" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other important factors that could

cause Heritage-Crystal Clean's actual results, performance or achievements or industry results to differ materially from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. These risks, uncertainties and other important factors include, among others: Heritage-Crystal Clean's ability to complete its used oil re-refinery as anticipated; the selection of the used oil re-refinery; the used oil re-refinery does not perform as anticipated; Heritage-Crystal Clean is unable to generate sufficient funds to build and support its used oil re-refinery; Heritage-Crystal Clean's ability to comply with the extensive environmental, health and safety and employment laws and regulations that it is subject to; changes in environmental laws that affect its business model; competition; claims relating to its handling of hazardous substances; the limited demand for Heritage-Crystal Clean's used solvent; Heritage-Crystal Clean's dependency on key employees; Heritage-Crystal Clean's ability to effectively manage its extended network of branch locations; warranty expense and liability claims; personal injury litigation; dependency of suppliers; economic conditions including the recent recession and financial crisis, and downturns in the business cycles of automotive repair shops, industrial manufacturing business and small businesses in general; increased solvent, fuel and energy costs and volatility in the price of crude oil; the control of The Heritage Group over Heritage-Crystal Clean; and the risks identified in Heritage-Crystal Clean's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 5, 2010. Given these uncertainties, you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Heritage-Crystal Clean assumes no obligation to update or revise them or provide reasons why actual results may differ. The information in this release should be read in light of such risks and in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included elsewhere in this release.

About Heritage-Crystal Clean Inc.

Heritage-Crystal Clean, Inc. provides parts cleaning and hazardous and non-hazardous waste services to small and mid-sized customers in both the manufacturing and automotive service sectors. Heritage-Crystal Clean's service programs include parts cleaning, containerized waste management, used oil collection, and vacuum truck services. These services help its customers manage their used chemicals and liquid and solid wastes, while also helping to minimize their regulatory burdens. Heritage-Crystal Clean's customers include businesses involved in vehicle maintenance operations, such as car dealerships, automotive repair shops, and trucking firms, as well as small manufacturers, such as metal product fabricators and printers. Heritage-Crystal Clean, Inc. is headquartered in Elgin, Illinois, and operates through 62 branches serving over 41,000 customer locations.

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