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Heritage Bag Wins Highest Plastics Association Environmental Award

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The Rancho Cucamonga, CA, plant of Heritage Bag Co. has been awarded a "Superior" rating by the Environmentally Preferred Rating (EPR) program of the California Film Extruders and Converters Association (CFECA). Heritage is one of the first in the industry to achieve the accreditation, which certifies that it maintains environmentally sensitive production facilities.

CFECA (www.cfeca.org) is a trade association of manufacturers and suppliers involved in the plastic-film extruding and converting industry in California. The EPR program is the first environmental standards, audit, and accreditation program for the plastics industry. Plastic makers that meet strict environmental standards can now receive a "seal of approval" certifying that they maintain environmentally sensitive production facilities.

About EPR

The primary goal of the EPR program is to help producers of plastic film and bags lessen their impact on the environment by reducing any industry contribution to air and waterway pollution as well as landfill content. The program involves a thorough, independent, third-party environmental audit of a company's facilities. It focuses on six main areas that have the most potential impact on the environment: airborne emissions, liquid emissions, pellet containment, elimination of heavy metals, recycling programs, and post-consumer recycled material use.

In addition, plastic companies seeking EPR accreditation are required to participate in environmental activities in their communities such as highway or waterway clean-up efforts or school education programs. Heritage Bag is working with local communities to help promote composting programs and working with businesses on the benefits of organic waste diversion activity. The company promotes source reduction with its products wherever possible and landfill diversion to compost facilities where those programs exist.

As part of the program, consumers of plastic products are encouraged to buy only from EPR-accredited producers.

To learn more about CFECA's Environmentally Preferred Rating program, including a list of EPR accredited manufacturers, visit www.EPRaccredited.org.

About Heritage Bag Co.

Headquartered in Carrollton, TX Heritage Bag is a leading supplier of can liners, trash bags, and food bags sold to the institutional/commercial markets, including the BioTuf™ line of ASTM-D6400 compliant compostable and biodegradable products. For more information, visit www.heritage-bag.com

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