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ISSA, ARCSI Members to Vote On Merger

September 22, 2016—Northbrook, IL, USA—ISSA, the worldwide cleaning industry association, and the Association of Residential Cleaning Services International (ARCSI) are pleased to announce that the ARCSI Board of Directors has unanimously approved a resolution to merge with ISSA, subject to membership approval.

The members of ARCSI and ISSA will vote on the merger at their annual meetings, Tuesday, October 25, and Friday, October 28, respectively, during ISSA/INTERCLEAN North America, which takes place October 25-28 in Chicago, IL, USA.

Under terms of the agreement, ARCSI members will retain their ARCSI memberships, but those memberships will expand to include global ISSA membership and benefits. If the merger is finalized, ARCSI members will have access to ISSA member benefits, including expanded educational opportunities, market exposure, networking opportunities, business tools and data, and other industry information.

“It is my pleasure to inform you that the ARCSI Board of Directors has unanimously passed the attached resolution regarding the merger of ARCSI into ISSA and will be recommending to our membership that they approve the merger at our annual meeting on Oct. 25, 2016,” ARCSI CEO Ernie Hartong says. “We see this as a great opportunity to expand the benefits afforded to our members through ISSA’s well-respected brand and broad worldwide reach.”

ISSA Executive Director John Barrett is equally excited about the partnership. “The merger with ARCSI is in keeping with ISSA’s mission to change the way the world views cleaning in all sectors of the industry,” Barrett says. “The line between commercial and residential cleaning has grown closer in recent years. I believe the merger of ISSA and ARCSI is yet another move toward creating one strong, unified, industry.”

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About ARCSI

ARCSI was established in 2003 to assist residential cleaning service owners in starting, promoting, building, and expanding their businesses. With members in the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Australia, and throughout Europe, ARCSI is committed to providing valuable information to ensure the growth and development of its members' businesses through education, networking, and collaboration. For more information, visit www.arcsi.org or call 614-547-0887.

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About ISSA

With more than 7,000 members including distributors, manufacturers, manufacturer representatives, building service contractors, in-house service providers, and associated service members, ISSA is the leading trade association for the cleaning industry worldwide.

The association is committed to helping its members change the way the world views cleaning by providing its members with the business tools they need to promote cleaning as an investment in human health, the environment, and an improved bottom line. For more information on ISSA, visit www.issa.com or call 800-225-4772 (North America) or 847-982-0800.

The association is headquartered in Northbrook, IL, USA, with regional offices in Mainz, Germany, and Shanghai, China. For more information, visit www.issa.com, follow ISSA on social media at www.facebook.com/issaworldwide and www.twitter.com/issaworldwide, or join the discussion in ISSA—The Worldwide Cleaning Industry Association LinkedIn group at www.issa.com/linkedin.

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