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IARW Releases Top 20 Lists for North American and International Cold Storage Warehouse Space

Growth and Expansion of Facilities Boosts Figures

WASHINGTON, DC, October 17, 2007 –The International Association of Refrigerated Warehouses (IARW) has released its annual Top 20 lists, which lists IARW Public Refrigerated Warehouses (PRWs) with the greatest capacity of warehouse space for North America and the world.

The combined space of IARW's total membership, including the Top 20 members, saw an 18% increase from this time last year, operating more than 3 billion cubic feet (more than 87 million cubic meters). The International Top 20 operates more than 2 billion cubic feet (more than 58 million cubic meters) and the North American Top 20 is more than 1.7 billion cubic feet (more than 49 million cubic meters).

IARW's 318 Member Companies operate a total of 995 PRWs in 63 different countries, including 676 in North America and 319 PRWs in other nations around the world.

The totals are significantly higher than last year due to significant growth and expansion within IARW Member companies. In addition, AmeriCold Logistics, the largest provider of temperature-controlled food distribution services in the United States, has joined IARW. Included in AmeriCold's IARW Membership are 82 facilities and 416 million cubic feet (11,779,808 cubic meters) of public refrigerated warehouse space.

“The new Top 20 Lists show how IARW represents the expanse of the PRW industry,” said IARW President & CEO Bill Hudson. “Companies looking to use public refrigerated warehouse space now have more options than ever before in all corners of the globe, and they can be confident that IARW Member PRWs have access to the latest technology and information to store products safely and to ensure high quality.”

IARW has made it easy for food companies to find PRWs, transportation companies, and cold storage construction companies by publishing the *Global Cold Chain Directory*, available free of charge to food companies and PRW customers. IARW partnered with the World Food Logistics Organization, International Refrigerated Transportation Association, and the International Association for Cold Storage Construction to produce this publication.

IARW members represent the vast majority of PRW space in North America and a growing percentage of refrigerated space worldwide. Many companies display the IARW and/or WFLO logos on their materials to demonstrate their support for the standards and best practices that members of these organizations represent.

The Top 20 Lists are available online at <http://iarw.org/hq/aboutus/default.asp>.

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The International Association of Refrigerated Warehouses is a Core Partner of the Global Cold Chain Alliance, an umbrella organization that unites partners to facilitate communication, networking, and education for the perishable food industry. IARW excels as the leading association in the world that promotes and supports excellence and professionalism in the controlled-temperature warehouse and logistics industry by increasing the knowledge, effectiveness, and image of association members for the benefit of their customers and society. The Alliance’s other Core Partners include the World Food Logistics Organization, the International Refrigerated Transportation Association, and the International Association for Cold Storage Construction.