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**Walter Surface Technologies wins top honors
with “Best of the Best” supplier award by Grainger Mexico**
*Walter named as top industry performer and solution provider
for its innovative range of surface treatment technology products*

Montreal, February 27th, 2014 - Walter Surface Technologies, a global industry leader in surface treatment technologies, announces it has been recognized by W.W. Grainger Inc. with the prestigious “Best of the Best” supplier partner award during Grainger’s Mexico supplier conference held January 22nd in Mexico City, Mexico.

Grainger, a leading global broad-line supplier of maintenance, repair and operating (MRO) products, selected Walter for their highest award which is given annually to the top performing supplier with best-selling solutions and a strong ongoing working relationship with the company. Grainger Mexico distributes a wide range of Walter solutions geared to the metal working industry, including the innovative line of Bio-Circle non-toxic and environmentally-friendly industrial parts cleaning solution products.

The Grainger “Best of the Best” award was officially co-presented by Grainger CEO James Ryan and Grainger Americas President Court Carruthers onstage at their Gala event. Accepting the award for Walter Surface Technologies was Enrique Cervantes, General Manager, Mexico, and Elba Hernandez, Sales Director, Mexico.

The award is presented to those organizations that fully grasp Grainger’s operational model, and continue to put their best products, best people and best practices to work with their teams. Walter Surfaces Technology Mexico hit the mark, again, this year.

“Walter Surface Technologies Mexico has been dedicated to delivering our performance abrasives and industrial cleaning solutions in this region with Grainger for several years”, stated Enrique Cervantes, General Manager, Mexico, Walter Surface Technologies. “We only bring the

best solutions to market, and the Grainger organization is exceptional in their ability to bring our products to a wide range of customers with varying needs. Grainger is undoubtedly committed to their customers and we will remain committed to helping Grainger expand their business.”

Walter Surface Technologies products are available through Grainger in the US, Canada, Mexico and Brazil.

About Walter Surface Technologies

Walter Surface Technologies provides innovative solutions for the global metal working industry. From high performance abrasives, power tools and tooling to industrial parts washing systems, cleaners, degreasers and lubricants. Walter focuses on helping its customers work better. Founded in 1952, the company is established in 7 countries throughout North America, South America and Europe. International headquarters is in Montreal and US headquarters is located in Windsor, Connecticut. Key certification and awards include ISO 9001: 2008, Wall Street Journal Award; Deutscher Material Preis; American Eagle Award; CleanTech Cleaning Technology Award. For additional information: www.walter.com

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