

Ball Aerospace's Lisa Hardaway Honored for Exceptional Leadership by Women in Aerospace

PR Newswire
BOULDER, Colo.

BOULDER, Colo., Oct. 21, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. program manager Lisa Hardaway, PhD will receive this year's Leadership Award for outstanding dedication to space exploration from the Women in Aerospace (WIA) professional organization during its 30th annual awards ceremony on Thursday, Oct. 22, 2015.

Hardaway joined Ball Aerospace in 1995 and was most recently the program manager for Ball's Ralph imaging instrument that flew aboard NASA's New Horizons mission to Pluto, returning the closest images ever seen of the dwarf planet on July 14. She also has a long relationship with the Hubble Space Telescope, having worked on three Ball-built instruments including Wide Field Camera 3, the Advanced Camera for Surveys and the Space Telescope Imaging Spectrograph. In addition, Hardaway was part of Ball's Deep Impact mission and worked on the company's star tracker program.

"Since joining the company Lisa has distinguished herself on our space science programs and also helped advance the careers of fellow engineers who have benefitted from her knowledge and enthusiasm," said Rob Strain, president of Ball Aerospace.

The WIA Awards celebrate women's professional excellence in aerospace, annually recognizing female leaders who have made outstanding contributions to the aerospace community. WIA acknowledged Hardaway not only for her leadership skills, but for also guiding, supporting, and mentoring female engineers throughout her career.

"Coming on the heels of the successful New Horizons mission, the WIA leadership award is icing on the cake and a wonderful level of recognition," said Hardaway. "There are so many women in the aerospace industry making significant breakthroughs and contributions, I am honored to be in their company and selected for this award."

In 2013, Hardaway was elected Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. She has also received the Woman of Achievement award from Boulder's Zonta Foothill Chapter and a Ball Aerospace Engineering Excellence award. Hardaway earned her PhD from the University of Colorado–Boulder in 2000, her M.S. from Stanford University in 1989, and her B.S. from MIT in 1988. She is a member of AAS, AIAA, ABET and the University of Colorado's Department of Aerospace Engineering Sciences External Advisory Board.

Hardaway will be one of 10 honorees recognized in 2015 by WIA, a nonprofit organization dedicated to expanding women's opportunities for leadership and to increasing their visibility within the aerospace community. www.womeninaerospace.org.

Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. supports critical missions for national agencies such as the Department of Defense, NASA, NOAA and other U.S. government and commercial entities. The company develops and manufactures spacecraft, advanced instruments and sensors, components, data exploitation systems and RF solutions for strategic, tactical and scientific applications. Ball continues to invest and innovate in affordable, high resolution imaging systems, contributing to the needs of civil, military and commercial customers. For more information, visit <http://www.ballaerospace.com/>.

Ball Corporation (NYSE: BLL) supplies innovative, sustainable packaging solutions for beverage, food and household products customers, as well as aerospace and other technologies and services primarily for the U.S. government. Ball Corporation and its subsidiaries employ 14,500 people worldwide and reported 2014 sales of \$8.6 billion. For more information, visit www.ball.com, or connect with us on Facebook or Twitter.

Forward-Looking Statements

This release contains "forward-looking" statements concerning future events and financial performance. Words such as "expects," "anticipates," "estimates" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. Such statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied. The company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Key risks and uncertainties are summarized in filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including Exhibit 99 in our Form 10-K, which are available on our website and at www.sec.gov. Factors that might affect: a) our packaging segments include product demand fluctuations; availability/cost of raw materials; competitive packaging, pricing and substitution; changes in climate and weather; crop yields; competitive activity; failure to achieve productivity improvements or cost reductions; mandatory deposit or other restrictive packaging laws; customer and supplier consolidation, power and supply chain influence; changes in major customer or supplier contracts or loss of a major customer or supplier; political instability and sanctions; and changes in foreign exchange or tax rates; b) our aerospace segment include funding, authorization, availability and returns of government and commercial contracts; and delays, extensions and technical uncertainties affecting segment contracts; c) the company as a whole include those listed plus: changes in senior management; regulatory action or issues including tax, environmental, health and workplace safety, including U.S. FDA and other actions or public concerns affecting products filled in our containers, or chemicals or substances used in raw materials or in the manufacturing process; technological developments and innovations; litigation; strikes; labor cost changes; rates of return on assets of the company's defined benefit retirement plans; pension changes; uncertainties surrounding the U.S. government budget, sequestration and debt limit; reduced cash flow; ability to achieve cost-out initiatives; interest rates affecting our debt; and successful or unsuccessful acquisitions and divestitures, including, with respect to the proposed Rexam PLC acquisition, the effect of the announcement of the acquisition on our business relationships, operating results and business generally; the occurrence of any event or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of our definitive agreement with Rexam PLC in respect of the acquisition; the outcome of any legal proceedings that may be instituted against us related to the definitive agreement with Rexam PLC; and the failure to satisfy conditions to completion of the acquisition of Rexam PLC, including the receipt of all regulatory approvals.

Photo - <http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20151020/278731>

Logo - <http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20130108/LA39163LOGO>

SOURCE Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp.

<http://ball.mediaroom.com/2015-10-21-Ball-Aerospaces-Lisa-Hardaway-Honored-for-Exceptional-Leadership-by-Women-in-Aerospace>