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LittleFootprint™ Lighting – Maker of Ultra-Green LED Desk Lamps Made From Recycled E-Waste – Awarded “e-Stewards Enterprise” Designation

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LittleFootprint Lighting, a California-based pioneer of sustainably designed LED task lighting products made in the USA from recycled materials, including plastic from e-waste, announced today its official designation as an “e-Stewards Enterprise.” The designation underscores LittleFootprint Lighting’s dedication to responsible recycling practices and commitment to reducing e-waste.

LittleFootprint Lighting holds a unique position as the first e-Stewards Enterprise that actually makes products from recycled e-waste, “closing the loop” on plastics from e-waste.

“At this pivotal moment in the worldwide e-waste crisis, LittleFootprint Lighting joins a growing number of business, academic and governmental leaders taking action to stem a toxic tide,” said Jim Puckett, executive director of the Basel Action Network, creator of the e-Stewards program.

“LittleFootprint Lighting was founded on a belief that we can make LED lighting more sustainable by using recycled plastic and steel to produce our made-in-USA desk lamps,” said Nancy Wahl-Scheurich, CEO of LittleFootprint Lighting. “Earning designation as an e-Stewards enterprise is a natural fit for us. We’re proud to play a ‘dual role’ in fighting the e-waste crisis by not only recycling responsibly, but also using recycled e-waste to make sustainable products that are themselves recyclable.”

E-waste is the fastest growing element of the U.S. garbage stream. According to a report in *Time Magazine*, Americans throw out more than 350,000 cell phones and 130,000 computers every day. Improperly disposed-of lead, mercury and other toxic materials found inside e-waste can leak from landfills and pollute our communities.

As an e-Stewards Enterprise, LittleFootprint Lighting agrees to always make best efforts to work with e-Stewards Recyclers, ensuring that LittleFootprint’s e-waste does not contribute to the global toxic waste crisis. E-Stewards Recyclers undergo a professional audit annually to guarantee they do not export hazardous recycling byproducts to developing countries, use



U.S. prison labor or dump into municipal landfills. E-Stewards Recyclers also ensure that private data is kept secure, and that their business operations protect both workers and the environment.

About the e-Stewards® Certification

The Basel Action Network's e-Stewards® Certification has become an essential tool in helping individuals and organizations identify electronics recyclers that ensure that their best intentions to responsibly recycle obsolete electronics are honored. Generators of electronic waste (e-waste) have become increasingly aware of the impacts that improper disposal can have on the environment here in the U.S. and in developing countries that have become dumping grounds for hazardous e-waste shipped from the U.S. Certified e-Stewards Recyclers, have been extensively audited by accredited third-party Certification Bodies to ensure that all requirements of the Standard have been met. For more information about the e-Stewards Initiative visit: www.e-Stewards.org

About the Basel Action Network

Founded in 1997, The Basel Action Network is a 501(c)3 charitable organization of the United States, based in Seattle, Washington. BAN is the world's only organization focused on confronting the global environmental injustice and economic inefficiency of toxic trade (toxic wastes, products and technologies) and its devastating impacts. Working at the nexus of human rights and environment, we confront the issues of environmental justice at a macro level, preventing disproportionate and unsustainable dumping of the world's toxic waste and pollution on our global village's poorest residents. At the same time BAN actively promotes the sustainable and just solutions to the consumption and waste crises -- banning waste trade, while promoting green, toxic free and democratic design of consumer products. For more information, visit: www.ban.org

About LittleFootprint Lighting

Headquartered in Santa Cruz, California, LittleFootprint™ Lighting is a manufacturer of LED task lighting products that are made in the USA from recycled materials. Designed with ergonomic lighting in mind, LittleFootprint Lighting's products deliver the right amount of light where it's needed, whether in the office or at home, smarter design leads to a reduction in both energy use, and eye strain. saving energy and helping to reduce eye strain. Environmentally friendly and user friendly, LittleFootprint Lighting's products are reasonably priced – to make high-quality LED task lighting affordable. www.lfplighting.com

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