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### **HDRG Names Camerota Truck Parts the 2011 Heavy Duty Remanufacturer of the Year**

CHANTILLY, VIRGINIA – At the HDRG Remanufacturing Summit in Las Vegas on January 17, 2011, the Heavy Duty Remanufacturing Group (HDRG) of the Automotive Parts Remanufacturers Association (APRA) awarded Camerota Truck Parts its prestigious “Mike Hill Heavy Duty Remanufacturer of the Year Award.” The award is given to a company or individual who has demonstrated innovative ways to create and grow a successful business model and in the process supported industry efforts to advance the science of remanufacturing.

According to Bill Gager, President of APRA/HDRG, the panel’s decision to award Camerota Truck Parts of Enfield, Connecticut this year’s prestigious award was because they are a leading independent remanufacturer in the aftermarket. “The recent emphasis of heavy duty engine parts remanufacturers as a constituent group within HDRG has expanded our horizons to an all encompassing view of the marketplace including independents, major OEM component suppliers, OEM service as well as the traditional rebuilders of electrical, drivetrain, brake, and steering,” stated Gager. “With over 300 members within the current HDRG membership structure there seems to be plenty of room for growth and HDRG welcomes everyone involved in heavy duty remanufacturing.”

Camerota Truck Parts was selected because of their success in executing a customer driven growth strategy, they have numerous repair and installation facilities in the Northeast, with headquarters in Enfield, Connecticut. They celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2010 as a leader in drivetrain expertise and satisfaction. The company was started in 1960 by Salvatore “Sam” Camerota (father of the current owners – Frank, Salvatore, and Stephen). In 1974 the focus of the company shifted to remanufacturing transmissions, rear differentials, and steering boxes. Their large remanufacturing, sales, service, and distribution facility is in Enfield, Connecticut. Other facilities are in North Haven, Connecticut; Westborough, Massachusetts; Bow, New Hampshire; Bangor, Maine; Valley Cottage, New York, and Hamilton, New Jersey.

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Camerota Truck Parts has been a longtime member of APRA and its' HDRG Division as well as the International Truck Parts Association.

A core strength of Camerota Truck Parts is their flexibility and ability to capitalize on growth opportunities as well as the hard work by top management and all their employees. In accepting the award, President Frank Camerota stated, "As a culture we embrace change by focusing on continuous improvement. The next five to ten years will present a lot of opportunities for change and we need to be looking ahead and prepare our company and our employees for these changes."

Frank Camerota accepted the award from Sandra Standley, HDRG Chairman. They become the 4th recipient of this award joining past recipients Precision Rebuilders (St.Clair, Missouri), Weller Truck Parts (Grand Rapids, Michigan), and ArvinMeritor (Plainfield, Indiana). Standley stated, "Having Camerota Truck Parts receive this award is a fitting tribute for a company that has long supported the remanufacturing industry."

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APRA is a non-profit, international trade association serving over 1,000 companies involved in the \$35 Billion/year motor vehicle parts rebuilding/remanufacturing industry. Remanufacturing is the ultimate form of recycling.