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New appointment to EXPRA board and re-election of EXPRA President

Brussels, 16 April 2015 –EXPRA, the umbrella organization for packaging and packaging waste recovery and recycling systems which are owned by obliged industry and work on a not-for-profit basis, has elected its Board of Directors for the mandate 2015-2017. EXPRA's President, William Vermeir, has also been re-elected.

Ms. Jaana Røine, CEO of Green Dot Norway, was appointed as new member of the EXPRA Board. Ms. Jaana Røine, has held the position as Managing Director for Green Dot Norway since 2002, while, before that, she served as Marketing Director within the same company. In 2008, Green Dot Norway took over the recovery operations from two of the material companies, Plastretur (plastics) and Norsk Returkartong (carton).

“Being elected as a member of the EXPRA Board of Directors is an honor for me and I hope that with my experience, knowledge and energy I will contribute to strengthening the Organization in this important period” said Ms. Røine.

The other 7 members of the Board, representing Packaging Recovery Organizations from the Czech Republic (EKO-KOM), Italy (CONAI), Malta (GreenPak), The Netherlands (Nedvang), Romania (Eco-Rom Ambalaje) and Spain (EcoEmbes), were re-elected, and the new Board unanimously re-elected Mr. William Vermeir, Managing Director of Fost Plus, Belgium as President for the next 2 years.

After his re-election, Mr. William Vermeir thanked EXPRA members for their trust and support. “During this mandate there are various forthcoming important policy developments, including the publication of the new Proposal of the European Commission on the Circular Economy. I will continue to help to further strengthening EXPRA, promoting the Extended Producer Responsibility in its original sense and having EPR requirements anchored at EU level, for the sake of accountability, transparency and efficiency” he said.

“I am very glad to have such a strong Board with over 20 years of experience and dedication”, stated Joachim Quoden, the Managing Director of EXPRA. “I am convinced that the new leadership will consolidate and enhance EXPRA's reputation in the waste management value chain”, he concluded.

About EXPRA

Founded in 2013, is the alliance for packaging and packaging waste recovery and recycling systems which are owned by obliged industry and work on a not-for-profit basis. EXPRA acts as the authoritative voice and common policy platform representing the interests of all its member packaging recovery and recycling organisations founded and run by or on behalf of obliged industry. EXPRA members provide over 200 million inhabitants with packaging collection, sorting and recycling

infrastructure and ensure recycling and recovery of over 18 million tons of packaging per year. For additional information, please visit www.expra.eu

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