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Vesco Oil Corporation Receives National Certification from the Women's Business Enterprise National Council

Southfield, Mich., Feb. 13, 2014 – Vesco Oil Corporation, one of the largest distributors of branded automotive and industrial lubricants in the United States and a leading recycler of used oil and antifreeze, has announced it has received national certification as a Women's Business Enterprise by the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) – Great Lakes. The announcement was made by Vesco Oil Corporation General Managers Lena Epstein and Lilly Epstein Stotland.

The Women's Business Enterprise National Council certification is a meticulous process which includes an in depth review of the business and a site inspection to confirm a business is at least 51% owned, operated and controlled by a woman or women. According to the WBENC, by including women-owned businesses among their vendors, corporations and government agencies demonstrate their commitment to fostering diversity and the continued development of their supplier/vendor diversity programs.

"Vesco Oil Corporation is honored to receive this important certification by the WBENC and pleased to be a part of an organization that promotes and fosters growth for women-owned businesses," said Lena Epstein. "In a typically male-dominated industry, this recognition highlights our accomplishments as a company and Vesco Oil Corporation's commitment to diversity."

Certification is one of the WBENC's three core values, which also include opportunities and resources. The WBENC's world-class certification is accepted by more than 1,000 corporations representing America's most prestigious brands. The WBENC is also an approved Third Party Certifier for the United States Small Business Association (SBA) Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Federal Contracting Program.

"This Certification is really a tribute to our parents, who inspired us, encouraged us and gave us so many opportunities to lead in the company," said Lilly Epstein Stotland.



"Donald and Marjory Epstein continued our late grandfather's and uncle's mission of customer service and environmental sustainability and have put Vesco Oil Corporation in a leadership role in the industry."

To achieve WBENC Certification, women owned businesses complete a formal documentation and site visit process which is administered by one of the WBENC's 14 regional partner organizations. WBENC Certification gives women-owned businesses the ability to compete for real time business opportunities provided by WBENC corporate members and government agencies.

"This Certification also honors our extremely capable staff, those who came before us and those we have been proud to work with for years and decades," added Lena and Lilly. "Vesco Oil Corporation customers and potential customers see the company's commitment to diversity, our ability to meet manufacturing requirements and this allows our sales staff to actively promote and highlight this achievement. We are committed to keeping Vesco Oil Corporation a family-owned and woman majority-owned business."

About Vesco Oil Corporation

Vesco Oil Corporation is an ISO 9001 – 14001 certified and environmentally conscientious distributor, providing automotive and industrial customers with a full range of high quality lubricants and supporting services. Founded in 1947 by Eugene Epstein, Vesco Oil Corporation is one of the largest distributors of branded automotive and industrial lubricants in the United States and is a leading recycler of used oil and antifreeze. The company also is a full service provider of automotive appearance products, operates a full line of metal working fluids and a leading provider of bulk windshield washer solvent and antifreeze. Vesco Oil Corporation is a majority womenowned business, receiving Certification from the Women's Business Enterprise National Council. For more information, please call 248-557-1600 or visit www.vesco-oil.com

About WBENC

The Women's Business Enterprise National Council is the nation's largest third party certifier of businesses owned and operated by women in the United States. WBENC is a resource for the thousands of U.S. companies and government agencies that rely on WBENC's certification as an integral part of their supplier diversity programs. For more information, visit <u>www.wbenc.org</u>