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Global Food Cold Chain Council Launches Research Fund in Honor of Cold Chain Visionary, Eric Prieur

Washington, DC (August 21, 2019): The “Eric Prieur Memorial Research Fund for Cold Chain Sustainability” has been created by the Global Food Cold Chain Council (GFCCC) and made possible by a grant from [Carrier](#). The fund honors late Carrier employee, Eric Prieur, who served as director, Cold Chain Sustainability, and was among those tragically lost in the crash of Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 on March 10, 2019. Eric approached the global topic of sustainability, and particularly that of food loss and waste, with great energy and passion. In his role with Carrier’s refrigeration business, Eric was often called upon to speak at events around the world and increased Carrier’s level of participation and leadership on a global scale. Carrier will seed the fund with two annual, consecutive donations of \$50,000.

The Eric Prieur Memorial Fund will support the mutual goals of GFCCC and Carrier by helping to reduce food loss and waste and the resulting greenhouse gas emissions and water waste, while increasing global awareness for and expansion of a sustainable food cold chain. As such, the fund will be used to develop case studies and refine data through the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and advance other key sustainable cold chain activities in developing countries, including development of pilot projects and case studies.

“Eric gave unselfishly, heart and soul, to a movement that was greater than himself, and he did it with grace, sincerity, good humor and friendship that we will never forget,” said Jon Shaw, director, Sustainability, Carrier Transicold & Refrigeration Systems. “He was at the forefront of leading real change with projects in India, Vietnam and the Philippines, and the designation of this fund is meant to ensure that his good work continues to benefit cold chain development around the world.”

As one of the founding members of the GFCCC, Eric forged relationships with organizations such as UNEP, the United Nations Food & Agriculture Organization, the Green Climate Fund and the Global Environment Fund.

“The creation of this important fund, which honors Eric’s work and vision to reduce food waste and support sustainable cold chain activity, will expand and encourage greater participation among

our members and other interested parties,” said Kevin Fay, Executive Director, Global Food Cold Chain Council.

Individuals or organizations wishing to join the GFCCC and its members to make non-tax deductible contributions to the fund in Eric’s name may do so via credit card at <http://www.foodcoldchain.org/the-eric-prieur-memorial-research-fund/#> or by sending a check payable to the Eric Prieur Memorial Research Fund, 2111 Wilson Blvd, 8th Floor, Arlington, Virginia 22201, U.S.A.

GFCCC is a program of the International Climate Change Partnership, a 501(c)(6) non-profit industry coalition headquartered in the Washington, D.C. area. GFCCC was created as part of the Climate and Clean Air Coalition to promote the development of sustainable food cold chain. The GFCCC’s mission is to simultaneously reduce food waste and its related emissions by expanding and improving the food cold chain.

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