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THE COPPER CLUB, INC. TO HONOR METDIST GROUP'S APURV BAGRI & MUELLER INDUSTRIES' GREG CHRISTOPHER WITH PRESTIGIOUS ANKH AWARD

New York, NY (April 10, 2017) – Today, [The Copper Club, Inc.](#) announced their selection of Copper Man of the Year, honoring **Apurv Bagri**, President & CEO, Metdist Group, Board Member of the Dubai Financial Services Authority, the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd (HKEx), as well as **Greg Christopher**, Chairman and CEO of Mueller Industries, who will receive the prestigious Ankh Award.

The Copper Club Chairman, Arthur R Miele said the Board of Directors selected Mr. Apurv Bagri and Mr. Greg Christopher to receive the 2017 'Copper Man of the Year' Ankh Award in recognition of their exemplary and distinguished contribution to the copper industry. "I have known Apurv Bagri for more than 25 years and during that time, I had the honor of working with him as well as with his iconic father, Lord Bagri, on many initiatives vital to the well-being of the copper industry. Greg Christopher is recognized as a leading voice and strong advocate for the promotion of copper worldwide. The Copper Club, on behalf of the global copper industry extends its heartiest congratulations to our honorees," said Miele.

The awards will be presented at The Copper Club's [Annual Dinner](#), on June 7, 2017, at The Pierre Hotel in New York City. Attendees at this special event include industry leaders from the mining, refining and smelting, fabricating, manufacturing and financial services sectors from around the world. The prestigious Ankh Award has been bestowed every year since 1962 to professionals who have made extraordinary contributions to the copper industry.

The Copper Club will also announce the 2017 recipients of their Educational Grants Program, which assists exceptional students in preparing for careers in fields related to maintenance and expansion of the copper industry. Each grant is awarded to students who demonstrate academic excellence and financial need. To date, The Copper Club has provided more than \$1 million in scholarships to students to help ensure the future of copper.

Bagri is a past Chairman and current director and board member of the International Wrought Copper Council (IWCC), which represents the global copper fabricating industry. He is also the Chair of Governing Body of the London Business School, a Commissioner of the Crown Estate Paving Commission and a Trustee of Asia House. He has over 35 years' experience and has championed the Group's continued commitment to the copper industry.

Stefan Boel, Member of the Executive Board, Aurubis AG and Chairman of the International Wrought Copper Council (IWCC) said, "Apurv Bagri is a worthy recipient of the 2017 Ankh Award. This prestigious award recognizes the leadership and commitment that Apurv has shown to the global copper industry." Mark Loveitt, President, IWCC noted, "the whole of the IWCC Board is proud of Apurv's achievement and we wish him heartfelt congratulations."

Gregory Christopher is a near 30-year veteran of the copper industry, and has served for the past 25 years with Mueller Industries, Inc. He was appointed CEO in 2008, and was named Chairman of the Board in 2015. He holds an undergraduate Engineering degree from the University of Buffalo, as well as an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh and an advanced business degree from Harvard Business School.

Stephen Higgins, VP Marketing and Sales for Freeport McMoran and immediate past Chairman of the Copper Development Association said, "Greg is a great choice for the Ankh Award. He has demonstrated strong and active leadership not only in his company, but throughout the copper industry with his involvement in ICA, CDA and C&BFC. His insight and high expectations have improved the performance of these organizations to the benefit of the entire industry." Thomas S. Passek, President, Copper Development Association added, "as an officer and now Chairman of CDA, Greg has been instrumental in guiding the organization through good and difficult times. His willingness to provide staff resources to help guide CDA and other industry organizations, shows his and Mueller's commitment to lead by example."

To purchase tickets for this event, visit www.copperclub.org

About The Copper Club

The Copper Club was formed in 1944 to convene all participants in the copper industry. It is comprised of copper producers, fabricators, refiners, dealers, traders and merchants. The Copper Club seeks to promote the interests of the copper industry. By honoring those who have forged pathways in the industry and paving new paths for students working toward careers in the industry, The Copper Club ensures the past, present and future of copper.

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