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## THE COPPER CLUB, INC. TO HONOR STUART THORN & ANDREW KIRETA, SR. WITH PRESTIGIOUS ANKH AWARD

New York, NY (April 4, 2014) – [The Copper Club, Inc.](#) announces their selection of Copper Man of the Year, of **Stuart Thorn**, President and CEO, Southwire® who will receive the prestigious Ankh Award. Thorn will be honored in recognition of his role in leading Southwire to become one of the largest producers of electrical cable in the world. In addition, The Copper Club will honor **Andrew Kireta, Sr.**, President and CEO, Copper Development Association and Director of the Copper Club, Inc. as a recipient of the Ankh Award, for Lifetime Achievement, in recognition of his contributions to the copper industry through the Copper Development Association and the promotion and implementation of various copper applications across multiple markets.

The awards will be presented at **The Copper Club's Annual Dinner**, on June 4, 2014, at The Plaza 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, celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, seeks to promote the interest 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. At the Annual Dinner, the Copper Club will also announce the 2014 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 up to \$10,000, and 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.

During Mr. Thorn's 13 years at Southwire, he has developed and executed the short and long-term strategies that have earned Southwire the top market position. Thorne's acquisitions and his ability to integrate an innate understanding of international market conditions with operational leadership have been a formula for success. During his tenure, Southwire has been named Georgia's Manufacturer of the Year in 2013, Green Supplier of the Year by Pacific Gas and Electric in 2009, and Home Depot's Electrical Supplier of the Year, six times between 2002 and 2012.

Under Mr. Kireta's leadership, the Copper Development Association's scope and sphere of influence has broadened to include new applications of existing properties of copper, such as antimicrobial. A firm believer in the power of collaboration between the public and private sectors, Kireta has forged synergistic relationships between the copper industry, government and healthcare to advance the material's successful entry into new markets, including healthcare and sustainable energy.

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The Copper Club's Chairman, **Arthur Miele**, said of **Stuart Thorn's** nomination, "The Board of Directors selection of Stu Thorn to receive the 2014 Ankh Award for "Copper Man of the Year" recognizes the exceptional leadership that Stu has demonstrated not only at Southwire, but within the industry as a whole. Under Stu's leadership and vision, Southwire has grown and diversified both organically and through acquisition, to become one of the largest producers of electrical cable in the world. Furthermore, Stu has been one of the most dynamic contributors to the future of our industry, serving in board and leadership positions at the National Electrical Manufacturers Association, The Electrical Manufactures Club, the Copper Development Association, the International Cablemakers Federation, among others.

**Brian O'Shaughnessy**, Chairman, Revere Copper Products, stated, "Andy is highly deserving of the award as it reflects his dedication and accomplishments throughout his career to copper and copper market development. Andy displayed a unique ability to gain the highest confidence and trust of miners, fabricators and consumers as well as regulators and the people who worked with him every day. Andy's outstanding leadership of the US Copper Development Association helped the International Copper Association achieve new levels of excellence above other industry trade associations. Copper, which is the eternal metal, should rightfully be eternally grateful to Andy for everything he has done on its behalf."

To purchase tickets for this event, visit [www.copperclub.org](http://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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