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## THE COPPER CLUB, INC. RECOGNIZES LA FARGA'S ORIOL GUIXÀ WITH PRESTIGIOUS ANKH AWARD

New York, NY (January 28, 2026) – Today, [The Copper Club, Inc.](#) announced Oriol Guixà, President of the Board of La Farga, as the 2026 Ankh Award recipient. The award will be presented at The Copper Club's Annual Dinner on June 10, 2026, at The Plaza Hotel in New York City, NY. Mr. Guixà will be honored in recognition of his exceptional leadership, pioneering vision, and lifelong commitment to innovation and sustainability in the copper industry.

Copper Club Chair Stephen T. Higgins said, "I have known Oriol for many years, as a customer and colleague. We worked closely together through the LME Copper Committee and other industry associations, where he consistently brought thoughtful insight and strong leadership. Our industry has benefited from his numerous contributions, and I am pleased to see the Copper Club recognize his impact."

The Ankh Award has been bestowed every year since 1962 to professionals who have made extraordinary contributions to the copper industry. Attendees at the annual dinner include industry leaders from the mining, refining and smelting, fabricating, manufacturing and financial services sectors from around the world.

Mark D. Millett, Co-founder, Chairman, and Chief Executive Officer of Steel Dynamics, Inc., and Chairman of SDI La Farga, LLC added, "Oriol Guixà is an extremely worthy honoree of the 2026 Ankh Award. It is a testament to his longstanding dedication and exceptional leadership within the copper industry. Our first meeting revealed a man of deep character and integrity, with a profound knowledge of the global copper business uniquely coupled with deep operating and technical acumen. It was natural to become his partner and together we achieved his vision of creating a significant low carbon copper rod and wire supply chain for the U.S. industry through fire refined technology."

In addition to recognizing Mr. Guixà at our annual dinner, we will announce the Copper Club's Educational Grants Program 2026 scholarship recipients. Through the generous donations of members, the program has provided more than \$1 million in scholarships to assist exceptional students in preparing for careers in fields related to the copper industry.

**The Copper Club** is also pleased to host our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual luncheon event titled *Future Leaders Forum – Networking for the Next Generation*. This exclusive event will take place at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at the Yale Club and further enhances the education and development of young professionals in the copper industry. The forum will focus on the issues, challenges and opportunities facing future industry leaders. Additional details about the event and registration process will be provided in the next couple of months and companies are encouraged to invite some of their key emerging leaders to this informative networking opportunity.

For information on the Annual Dinner, visit <http://www.copperclub.org/events/>. Please note, due to the World Cup schedule the week of the Annual Dinner, we anticipate hotels in the area will be in high demand. We encourage attendees to book accommodations soon.

## **Notes to Editors:**

### **About Oriol Guixà**

Oriol Guixà (Barcelona, 1952), an Industrial and Aeronautical Engineer with more than 45 years of experience in the copper industry, is widely recognized as one of the foremost advocates and promoters of this metal, its exceptional properties, and its remarkable potential.

He is the majority shareholder and Chairman of the Board of La Farga, a company with more than 218 years of industrial heritage. When he joined the company in the early 1980s, La Farga processed barely 4,000 tons of copper per year and was on the brink of collapse. Under Oriol Guixà's leadership, it has been transformed into a global industrial group with revenues exceeding USD 2.4 billion and has become an internationally recognized benchmark in copper recycling technology and sustainable solutions, with production facilities in Spain and the United States.

At just 28 years old, he led La Farga out of bankruptcy by making a decisive commitment to innovation, talent and technological excellence, placing recycling at the core of the company's strategy. Long before sustainability became a priority in our society, he championed the unique properties of copper and its long-term value for industry and society. His technical curiosity, combined with a disruptive, visionary and resilient mindset, has driven continuous progress through proprietary know-how and patented industrial processes. These innovations have embedded the principles of the circular economy at the heart of industrial activity, enabling major advances in energy efficiency, responsible resource usage and the direct transformation of copper scrap into high-quality finished products through advanced pyrometallurgical refining processes.

A firm believer in industry as a cornerstone of societal progress and wealth creation, his commitment to society and the environment—together with his conviction that collaboration is a key driver of transformation—has made him a leading voice within the global copper sector. He plays an active role in major international industry and civic organizations, including the European Copper Institute, the International Wrought Copper Council, the London Metal Exchange and various Chambers of Commerce.

A true enthusiast for copper and its properties, he founded Europe's first Copper Museum as a tribute to the pivotal role this metal has played in the development of civilization. Through the La Farga Foundation, he also actively promotes education, research and innovation among younger generations.

Married and the father of five, Oriol Guixà is widely recognized as a visionary and inspiring leader, convinced that leadership is, above all, a commitment to people, to society and to the generations yet to come.

### **About the Copper Club's Educational Grants Program**

The Educational Grants Program assists exceptional students in preparing for careers in fields related to maintenance and expansion of the copper industry. Through the generous donations of members, the program awards grants to students who demonstrate academic excellence and financial need, and to date has provided more than \$1 million in scholarships. Supporting and attracting students to the copper industry is more important than ever as the demand for copper increases to support the global economy and the transition to a sustainable and low carbon future.

### **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.