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Dr. Ramachandra N. Galla, Chairman, Amara Raja Batteries Ltd. named EY Entrepreneur of the Year, 2015

Chosen for his exemplary contribution to the manufacturing sector in India

Mumbai, February 12, 2016: Dr. Ramachandra N Galla, Chairman, Amara Raja Batteries Ltd. was named the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year 2015 in the manufacturing sector during the 17th edition of the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards. The award was presented by Shri Nitin Gadkari, the Honourable Union Minister for Road Transport, and Highways, and Shipping, who was the Chief Guest at the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards' Banquet. Mr. Adi Godrej, Jury Chairman and Chairman, Godrej Group; Mr. Subodh Bhargava, Chairman, Tata Communications and Mr. Rajiv Memani, Chairman, EY India was also on the dais and congratulated Dr Galla. The event was graced by over 400 of the country's business leaders.

Dr. Galla founded Amara Raja Batteries Ltd. in 1985 as part of the Amara Raja Group and since then the company has grown manifold to become one of India's largest manufacturers of lead acid batteries for both industrial and automotive applications.

Accepting the award Dr. Galla said, *"I am extremely honoured to receive this recognition by such an esteemed jury. The success of Amara Raja can only be attributed to the support, hard work, and dedication of our employees and I would like to dedicate this award to everyone at Amara Raja "*

A distinguished 11-member jury led by Adi Godrej selected the winners. Other jury members include Subodh Bhargava, Chairman, Tata Communications; Rahul Bhatia, Whole-time Director, InterGlobe Enterprises Limited; Arundhati Bhattacharya, Chairperson, State Bank of India; Sanjeev Bikhchandani, Founder and Executive Vice-Chairman, Info Edge (India) Limited; Bharat Doshi, Chairman, Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services; Kalpana Morparia, CEO, JP Morgan India; Rishad Premji, Chief Strategy Officer, Wipro; Renuka Ramnath, MD & CEO, Multiples Alternate Asset Management; Dilip Shanghvi, MD, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries; and Shashank Singh, Partner and MD, Apax Partners India Advisers Private Limited.

About EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ Award

EY Entrepreneur Of The Year is the world's most prestigious business award for entrepreneurs.* The unique award makes a difference through the way it encourages entrepreneurial activity among those with potential, and recognizes the contribution of people who inspire others with their vision, leadership and achievement. As the first and only truly global award of its kind, EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ celebrates those who are building and leading successful, growing and dynamic businesses, recognizing them through regional, national and global awards programs in more than 145 cities in 60 countries.

About Amara Raja Batteries Limited

Amara Raja Batteries Limited, a company with 26% equity each from Galla Family and Johnson Controls Inc, USA, is the technology leader and is one of the largest manufacturers of lead acid batteries for both industrial and automotive applications in the Indian storage battery industry.

In India, Amara Raja is the preferred supplier to major telecom service providers, Telecom equipment manufacturers, UPS sector (OEM & Replacement), Indian Railways and to Power, Oil & Gas among other industry segments. The industrial battery brands of Amara Raja are PowerStack®, AmaronVolt™ and Quanta®.

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Amara Raja is a leading manufacturer of automotive batteries under the brands - Amaron® and Powerzone™, which are distributed through a large pan-India sales & service retail network.

The Company supplies automotive batteries under OE relationships to Ashok Leyland, Ford India, Honda, Hyundai, Mahindra & Mahindra, Maruti Suzuki, and Tata Motors. The Company's Industrial and Automotive batteries are exported to countries in Indian Ocean Rim..