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USG Corporation's Lynn Hancock Named 2017 STEP Ahead Award Honoree by The Manufacturing Institute

Industry Award Recognizes Women in Manufacturing for Excellence and Leadership

CHICAGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Mar. 3, 2017-- USG Corporation (NYSE: USG), an industry leading manufacturer of building products and innovative solutions, is proud to announce that Lynn Hancock, Director of Advanced Manufacturing and Director of Enterprise Project Management Organization (EPMO), has been named by The Manufacturing Institute as an honoree of its fifth annual Science, Technology, Engineering and Production (STEP) Ahead Awards. The awards recognize women who have achieved manufacturing excellence in science, technology, engineering and production. This recognition marks the third year in a row that a USG employee has received this honor for her outstanding contributions.

"We are excited that The Manufacturing Institute has recognized Lynn for her achievements in the manufacturing industry, particularly the quality improvements she has implemented across our business operations," said Dominic Dannessa, USG Corporation's Executive Vice President and Chief Operations and Innovation Officer. "Lynn's expertise, drive and dedication to improving processes and mentoring colleagues have enabled us to quickly deliver innovative, high-quality products and solutions to our customers. We are deeply invested in attracting, advancing and retaining female manufacturing leaders, such as Lynn, because it's this diversity that helps us all thrive."

Since joining USG in 2004, Hancock has lent her expertise to improve the efficiency of USG's workforce and optimize many critical business initiatives. Most notably, she spearheaded the launch of an enterprise-wide Quality Assurance program, helped create USG's first EPMO function, and played a key role during the USG Boral 2014 joint venture integration process, which helped the combined organization save \$25 million. Hancock was also instrumental in facilitating the high-profile launch of USG's Sheetrock® Brand UltraLight Wallboard.

Hancock currently leads USG's engineering team to execute the company's Advanced Manufacturing program. In this role, she heads the program management to execute plant automation, process innovation and lean management systems. In her EPMO role she supports project management operations, manages the capital budget and creates processes to ensure the smooth development and launch of USG products. Hancock also shares her enterprise

expertise with industry peers outside of USG as a member and former board member of the Chicago Quality Assurance association.

“I’m honored to be recognized by an organization that empowers women to explore and achieve leadership roles within the manufacturing industry,” said Hancock. “As someone who finds great value in mentoring younger colleagues, the STEP Ahead Awards initiative’s commitment to training women as they develop in their career path is incredibly inspirational for the next generation of female manufacturers.”

The Manufacturing Institute developed the STEP Ahead initiative to address the industry shortage of available, qualified workers – especially women. The STEP Ahead Awards program encourages recipients to lead as role models in their companies, communities and networks. Peers and company officials nominate honorees, who are then evaluated based on their manufacturing achievements, demonstrated through outcomes including increased revenues, reduced costs, greater productivity, improved customer satisfaction and development of employee talent.

The Manufacturing Institute will recognize all recipients of the STEP Ahead Awards on Thursday, April 20 at a reception in Washington, D.C. The awards recognize 130 women who have achieved manufacturing excellence in science, technology, engineering and production. The STEP Ahead Awards program will highlight each Honoree’s story, including their leadership and accomplishments in manufacturing.

For more information about USG and its commitment to promoting the achievements of women in the fields of STEM and manufacturing, visit usg.com.

About USG Corporation

USG Corporation is an industry leading manufacturer of building products and innovative solutions. Headquartered in Chicago, USG serves construction markets around the world through its United States Gypsum Company and USG Interiors, LLC subsidiaries and its international subsidiaries, including its USG Boral Building Products joint venture. Its wall, ceiling, flooring, sheathing and roofing products provide the solutions that enable customers to build the outstanding spaces where people live, work and play. Its USG Boral Building Products joint venture is a leading plasterboard and ceilings producer across Asia, Australasia and the Middle East. For additional information, visit www.usg.com.

About The Manufacturing Institute

The Manufacturing Institute (the Institute) is the 501(c)(3) affiliate of the National Association of Manufacturers. As a non-partisan organization, the Institute is committed to delivering leading-edge information and services to the nation’s manufacturers. The Institute is the authority on the attraction, qualification and development of world-class manufacturing talent. For more information, please visit themanufacturinginstitute.org.

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