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**IICL Honors Five with Distinguished Service Awards**

**Washington, DC**—President Steven R. Blust has announced that five individuals were selected by the Institute of International Container Lessors' (IICL) Technology Committee to receive the **IICL Distinguished Service Award**. The awardees,

- George Braun, General Manager, M&R, Seacastle Chassis/Trac Lease, Inc.
- Hank Heacox, Director, Technical Services, Triton Container International Inc.
- Colin Jacobs, Director of Reefer Operations, Cronos Containers Ltd.
- Tony Sowry, Vice President Corporate Operations and Acquisitions, Textainer Equipment Management (U.S.) Ltd.
- Lew Vitalis, Senior Engineer, TAL International Container Corporation

have also been honored with title of "**Inspector Emeritus**" in recognition of their outstanding efforts.

"The IICL is delighted to recognize the significant contributions these men have made to the industry, and for their time, commitment and advancement of the Technology Committee's efforts over many years", said Brian Darnowski, the IICL's Technology Committee Chairman.

Consideration for a Distinguished Service Award is based upon an individual's long-standing service with the IICL's Technology Committee, including leadership responsibility as Technology Committee Chairman, project and subcommittee leader, as well as participation in the development of IICL manuals, educational courses, and inspector certification examinations.

"The IICL has been very fortunate over the years to have highly professional and dedicated individuals who work for our member company's assist in facilitating various projects", stated IICL Director of Technical Services, Gary Danback. "Their experience and enthusiasm to address all aspects of our industry has been a trademark of these individuals and it has been gratifying to work with all of them."

The Institute of International Container Lessors, Ltd. (IICL) is a trade association, organized in 1971, representing lessors of maritime containers and intermodal chassis. Its member companies are Amficon, CAI, Cronos, Flexi-Van, Florens, GE SeaCO, Gold, Seacastle, TAL, Textainer, Trac International and Triton. IICL members own or manage approximately 90 percent of the global leased container fleet, representing nearly half of the world container fleet and half of the U.S. chassis fleet operated by ocean carriers, railroads, and other companies. The IICL is active in governmental, regulatory, educational, technological, environmental and security issues. In addition to its widely accepted publications and annual inspector certification examinations, the IICL offers a wide range of educational training courses.

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