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### **Electro Cycle Earns Governor's Safety and Health Award**

*Madisonville employees go more than four years without a lost-time injury*

**MADISONVILLE, Ky. (Sept. 9, 2015)** – Kentucky Labor Cabinet Deputy Secretary Rocky Comito presented the employees of Madisonville-based aluminum recycler, Electro Cycle, with the Governor's Safety and Health Award. The Electro Cycle team has gone more than 380,000 hours over the span of 1,460 work days without a lost-time incident.

Kentucky Labor Secretary Larry L. Roberts said being injury-free is a goal every company should set.

“Major injuries are almost always preventable, but the consequences can last forever,” said Secretary Roberts. “Electro Cycle has made a clear focus to prevent injuries, and that is an example for every workplace in Kentucky.”

The last lost-time incident for Electro Cycle was in August 2011. To maintain an injury-free environment for more than four calendar years, Electro Cycle credits a corporate safety plan and help from free consultative surveys from the Labor Cabinet's Education and Training Division. Employee-led safety teams, safety events, near-miss tracking and

a variety of other programs have all played a role in strengthening the team's focus on safety.

“There is nothing we do that is more important than the safety of our employees,” said Rick Merluzzi, president and chief operating officer of Metal Exchange Corporation. “Electro Cycle’s focus on safety is reflective of our corporate commitment to safety across the organization, and we congratulate the Electro Cycle team for their outstanding accomplishment. Such achievements help pave the way for that facility to become one of the best employers in the region.”

Electro Cycle is a subsidiary of Metal Exchange Corporation, a private, family-owned company with its global headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri. Metal Exchange Corporation and its family of companies are industry leaders in non-ferrous metals — from purchasing to manufacturing and processing. The Madisonville facility employs 46 people and specializes in recycling light gauge scrap, turnings and high magnesium alloys. Electro Cycle uses advanced induction melting technology to recycle a wide array of scrap products.

The Labor Cabinet presents the Governor’s Safety and Health Award in recognition of outstanding safety and health performance. An establishment may qualify for the award if its employees together achieve a required number of hours worked without experiencing a lost-time injury or illness. The required number of hours is dependent upon the number of employees. The requirement for Electro Cycle was 250,000 hours.

The Governor’s Safety and Health Award program is part of Gov. Steve Beshear’s efforts to improve the health of all Kentuckians. The Governor launched [kyhealthnow](#) last year as an aggressive and wide-ranging initiative to reduce incidents and deaths from Kentucky’s dismal health rankings and habits. It builds on Kentucky’s successful implementation of health care reform and uses multiple strategies over the next several years to improve the state’s collective health.

Every establishment within the geographical boundaries of Kentucky is eligible for the award, even if the establishment won the award the previous year. Eligibility is limited to one award during a 12-month period of time.

For more on the Governor’s Safety and Health Award, and for a list of past winners, click [here](#).

For more on Electro Cycle, visit [www.metalexchangecorp.com](http://www.metalexchangecorp.com).

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