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PULL-A-PART TO BUILD RETAIL USED AUTO PARTS SUPERSTORE IN PITTSBURGH

Atlanta, Georgia – July 25, 2014 –Pull-A-Part, (www.pullapart.com) the award-winning family business serving the do-it-yourself, used auto parts market, is planning to open its first Pennsylvania location in the Borough of West Mifflin in Pittsburgh. Atlanta-based Pull-A-Part has acquired a 72-acre site at 1451 Lebanon School Road, where it will build a retail facility and service areas related to the do-it-yourself used auto parts business. The new location also marks the company’s expansion into the Northeast. When the new Pittsburgh used parts superstore opens, Pull-A-Part will operate a network of 29 DIY used auto parts superstores in 13 states. <http://www.pullapart.com/locations>.

Pull-A-Part has developed a unique operating system based on customer service and environmental responsibility, having transformed what was once thought of as the junkyard into a sustainable recycling business. Since its founding in 1997, Pull-A-Part has been acclaimed for outstanding corporate citizenship by federal, state and local organizations and for making an exceptional commitment to resource conservation, waste reduction and pollution prevention.

Pull-A-Part also has earned a reputation for making it fast and easy for consumers to buy used auto parts – helping them save anywhere from 30 to 90 percent savings over the cost of new parts, depending on the part.

The new Pull-A-Part retail location in West Mifflin, expected to be open for business by early 2015, is projected to create approximately 20 to 25 new jobs. The company currently is developing a site plan as part of the construction permit process.

“We appreciate that Pull-A-Part has chosen the Borough of West Mifflin for its newest location,” said Chris Kelly, Mayor of West Mifflin Borough. “And we are extremely gratified that Pull-A-Part has chosen a brownfield site to redevelop and put back into commerce, making a multimillion dollar investment and creating good jobs for our community.”

At its new West Mifflin location, Pull-A-Part will have approximately 2,000 end-of-life vehicles available to Pittsburgh area consumers who want to remove and buy high quality used auto parts while contributing to environmental sustainability. The company’s proprietary car inventory and customer service system makes it easy and convenient for customers to locate car parts online, before they even drive to a Pull-A-Part location. The software contains the entire Pull-A-Part car inventory, by location, and the prices of all parts. Further, by identifying common parts shared by different cars, the system increases the potential for customers to find the parts they are looking for – and the reuse of as many car parts as possible, resulting in higher customer satisfaction, more reuse, and less waste.

Pull-A-Part has made a concerted effort to set the industry standard of excellence in handling and recycling end-of-life vehicles. The unique, innovative Pull-A-Part de-pollution process exactly 'scrubs' every vehicle the company buys to remove potentially hazardous materials before the car is placed on the display lot:

- Each vehicle is thoroughly drained of all fluids and refrigerants (Freon[®]) from air conditioning systems, which are either shipped for recycling or sold for reuse (such as engine coolant/antifreeze).
- Mercury switches are removed and shipped for recycling through the National Vehicle Mercury Switch Removal Program.
- Lead-acid batteries are removed and tested. Good batteries are resold for reuse, and unserviceable batteries are palletized, shrink wrapped and shipped offsite, where the lead and plastic are recycled and the acid can be recovered.
- Catalytic converters are removed and shipped offsite for recovery of their precious metals content and the stainless steel shells.

The result of this and additional Pull-A-Part materials recovery processes: Pull-A-Part's processed vehicles produce 21 percent less automobile shredder residue sent to a landfill when compared to typical vehicles delivered to a shredder.

"The greater Pittsburgh area represents a strong market opportunity for Pull-A-Part, and the officials in West Mifflin have been extremely cooperative in helping us select their community as the best location for Pull-A-Part to make its first investment in Pennsylvania," said Ross Kogon, President and Chief Executive Officer of Pull-A-Part. "By expanding into Western Pennsylvania, Pull-A-Part will be able to help more customers save money on used auto parts and be able to recycle more vehicles in an environmentally responsible way. We look forward to serving new customers and being part of the community fabric in Pittsburgh and West Mifflin."

Pull-A-Part traces its roots to a business begun 105 years ago in Atlanta. The company is operated by the third and fourth generations of the founding family, whose values still affect every aspect of how Pull-A-Part functions, operationally and interpersonally. "The Pull-A-Part guiding principles consist of operating the business with integrity, in an atmosphere of mutual respect, concern for the well-being and development of every member of the organization and a commitment to providing customers with the best values," said Mr. Kogon.

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Editor's Note:

Pull-A-Part, with headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, is an award-winning family business serving the do-it-yourself, used auto parts market. By developing a unique operating system based on customer service and environmental responsibility, Pull-A-Part has transformed what was once thought of as the junkyard into a sustainable recycling business. Founded in 1997, Pull-A-Part operates a network of 27 used auto parts superstores in 12 states. The company has been acclaimed for outstanding corporate citizenship by federal, state and local organizations.

The company has made an exceptional commitment to resource conservation, waste reduction and pollution prevention. This orientation allows Pull-A-Part to provide affordable used auto parts to do-it-yourself consumers, while providing high quality scrap metal, fluids and plastics for recycling. Recycling diverts these materials from the waste stream and helps protect the air, water and soil from pollution.

More information is available at: www.pullapart.com, www.facebook.com/pullapartauto, and www.twitter.com/pullapartauto.