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ESSILOR NAMED FINALIST FOR CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AWARD

Essilor Vision Foundation Recognized for Leadership in Addressing Important Health Need

DALLAS – May 30, 2013 – Essilor of America, the nation’s leading manufacturer of optical lenses, was recognized as a finalist for the UnitedHealthcare Shining Light: Leadership in Corporate Social Responsibility Award for the work done by the company’s charitable arm, the Essilor Vision Foundation. Out of 150 submissions this year, Essilor was named as a top five finalist on May 15, during the 2013 UnitedHealthcare National Accounts Annual Customer Forum in Scottsdale, Ariz.

The Shining Light Award honors UnitedHealthcare corporate customers who have demonstrated excellence in social responsibility by addressing a health or basic need in society. Additional criteria for the award includes shared value and mutual benefit to the company and society, as well as innovation and leadership in addressing the challenge.

“Essilor and the Essilor Vision Foundation are honored to be recognized by UnitedHealthcare through the Shining Light Award program,” said Stephen Shawler, president of Essilor Vision Foundation. “This recognition is a testament to the importance of eye health and the critical role it plays in our society. There are 2.5 billion people around the world without access to corrective vision solutions, and it’s our mission to eliminate poor vision and the lifelong consequences it can have not only on literacy and education but on our economy as well.”

In 2012 alone, the Essilor Vision Foundation provided free vision screenings and eye exams to more than 46,000 children, of which 15,000 received new eyeglasses. To learn more about

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Essilor Vision Foundation and its programs, including details of upcoming events, tips for families and vision facts, or to make a donation, visit essilorvisionfoundation.org.

About Essilor

Essilor is the leading manufacturer of optical lenses in the United States and is the market leader in progressive, high-index and anti-reflective coated lenses. A pioneer in the development and production of ophthalmic lenses, Essilor employs more than 9,000 people throughout North America. Essilor manufactures optical lenses under the Varilux®, Crizal®, Xperio®, Definity®, Thin&Lite® and other Essilor brand names. Essilor Laboratories of America (ELOA) is the largest, and most trusted, optical lab network in the U.S. and offers a wide choice of services and lens brands, including Essilor premium lenses, to eyecare professionals across the nation. Essilor of America, Inc. (Essilor) is a subsidiary of Paris-based Essilor International, a publicly held company traded on the Euronext Paris stock exchange (Reuters: ESSI.PA).

About Essilor Vision Foundation

Essilor Vision Foundation is a public non-profit charity established by Dallas-based Essilor of America, the leading manufacturer of optical lenses in the United States. We are a 501 (c) (3) public charity organized with a mission to "eliminate poor vision and its lifelong consequences."

We strive to give children a brighter future by helping them see the world more clearly. Our programs focus on improving the quality of school vision screenings so fewer children slip through the cracks. We provide free vision screenings, eye exams and eyeglasses to children who would not get them otherwise. We also work to educate parents and communities about the importance of children's vision care and the role it plays in literacy, society and the economy. To learn more or to donate, visit Essilor Vision Foundation at www.essilorvisionfoundation.org. Engage with us on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

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