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Trojan Team Members Depart for Volunteer Solar Project Trip to Nicaragua with GRID Alternatives International Program

SANTA FE SPRINGS, Calif., May 22, 2017 – <u>Trojan Battery Co., LLC</u>, the world's leading manufacturer of deep-cycle batteries, today announced a team of Trojan employees have embarked on a volunteer trip to Nicaragua with the <u>GRID Alternatives</u> International Program to install a solar system that will provide power to a remote village.

A team of 10 Trojan volunteers which includes employees from Trojan Battery's California and Georgia facilities left on Sun., May 21 to help install a solar power system during the nine-day expedition. Trojan and GRID participants will install solar panels with battery backup power systems for a school and health clinic in San Isidro, Jinotega, Nicaragua.

The solar systems will provide electricity to power lighting and electronics for the school, cell phone charging for community members, and life-saving medical equipment in the clinic. Electricity in the buildings also means the entire village will be able to use them after hours for adult education, gatherings, events and celebrations.

"Trojan is proud to partner with the GRID Alternatives International Program by sending a team of dedicated Trojan employees to make a difference in this community in Nicaragua," said Jeff Elder, president and CEO for Trojan Battery. "This team building experience that brings solar power to a rural off-grid community gives our employees a chance to learn about solar energy,

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make a fundamental difference at a grassroots level, and gain a new perspective about life in another culture. We wish our Trojan team luck on this exciting adventure."

GRID Alternatives is a nonprofit organization that brings together community partners, volunteers and job trainees to implement solar power and energy efficiency in underserved communities. GRID's International Program has installed 120 systems in 31 off-grid communities in Nicaragua and Nepal to-date. Trojan has been providing financial support and battery donations for the program since 2010.

"We are excited to partner with Trojan Battery on this project," said Jenean Smith, director of GRID's international program. "After supporting this important work philanthropically for 8 years, Trojan's employees will finally get to see first-hand the tremendous impact their contribution has made for these communities, and will continue to make for years to come."

About Trojan Battery Company

Trojan Battery is the foremost producer of deep-cycle batteries with more than 90 years of battery engineering and manufacturing expertise. We lead the industry in innovative technologies to extend deep-cycle battery performance. Trojan's new Solar AGM line is the first in a series of new solar batteries planned for availability in coming months. Trojan also includes Smart Carbon™ in its Industrial and Premium flooded batteries to address the impact of inconsistent charging.

Founded in 1925, the company is ISO 9001:2008 certified with operations in California and Georgia, and maintains two of the largest and most extensive research and development centers in North America, as well as one in Sligo, Ireland, dedicated to engineering new and advanced battery technology. For more information on Trojan Battery visit www.trojanbattery.com.

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