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AGRU Wins 2023 Manufacturing Excellence Award

Industry-leading U.S. geosynthetics manufacturer receives recognition for its efforts in Western Nevada.

[Georgetown, South Carolina, October 27, 2023 —] AGRU America, Inc. ("AGRU") earned the 2023 EDAWN Existing Industry Award in Manufacturing Excellence (large category) from the <u>Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN)</u>. Since its opening in 2008, AGRU's Fernley plant has been a pivotal element in the company's U.S. strategy, providing direct geosynthetics production in the western United States for its AGRU Lining Systems.

"AGRU continues its tradition as a leader in Geosynthetic lining systems, and this award shows our commitment to delivering the best quality products in our industry," says Robert L. Johnson, President and CEO at AGRU America. "We are honored to receive this recognition for our efforts in manufacturing from the State of Nevada."

AGRU Lining Systems include Super Gripnet®, MicroSpike®, MicroDrain®, and AGRU Drain Liner®. These products are essential for protecting human health, conserving vital resources, and modernizing infrastructure. Applications include mining, waste management, and water containment and transmission.

"Each year, EDAWN's Existing Industry Awards celebrate the remarkable achievements of our region's businesses who make up the backbone of our economy," said Taylor Adams, President and CEO at EDAWN. "These awards stand as a testament to the power of collaboration and innovation, and we're honored to recognize and showcase their resilience, growth, and commitment to our community."

AGRU has grown steadily throughout its 35 years in the United States, investing in new manufacturing facilities, technologies, and capabilities. In 2023, AGRU boasts five manufacturing plants in the United States, with 14 dedicated geosynthetics production lines and more planned for 2024.

"Production throughput has become just as essential as product quality and economics for our customers," says Mr. Johnson. "Our strategically placed production lines allow us to produce our industry-leading products on-demand to meet even the most ambitious project designs."

About AGRU America, Inc.

Since 1988, Georgetown, SC-based AGRU America, Inc. has been on a mission to build a sustainable future by developing innovative engineering plastics solutions and fostering relationships built upon the highest quality, service, and dependability standards. AGRU America is a subsidiary of AGRU Kunststofftechnik GmbH, an Austrian family-owned business since 1948 with production facilities in Austria, the United States, and China. AGRU solutions, which include state-of-the-art products such as AGRU geosynthetics, concrete protective liners, pipes and fittings, and semi-finished products, are distributed in over 100 countries worldwide. Learn more about AGRU America at https://www.agruamerica.com.

About EDAWN

The Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada is a private/public partnership established in 1983. EDAWN is committed to adding quality jobs to the region by recruiting new companies, supporting the success of existing companies, and assisting new-forming companies to diversify the economy and have a positive impact on the quality of life in Greater Reno-Sparks.