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NARA Executives Assume Key Roles in GFLI Leadership, Bolstering Sustainability Efforts

ALEXANDRIA, VA, April 4, 2024 – The North American Renderers Association (NARA) is proud to announce the election of two of its senior staff to key positions within The Global Feed LCA Institute (GFLI). Kent Swisher, President, and CEO of NARA has been elected to the GFLI Board of Directors, while Dr. Charles Starkey, Vice President of Scientific and Regulatory Affairs at NARA, has been appointed to the GFLI Technical Management Committee.

The GFLI Board of Directors serves as the governing body of the Institute, overseeing its operations and strategic direction. Comprised of esteemed industry professionals, the Board is responsible for guiding the Institute's activities and ensuring its mission is fulfilled effectively. Kent Swisher's appointment to the Board brings his wealth of experience and leadership to this vital role.

Dr. Charles Starkey's election to the GFLI Technical Management Committee further strengthens the Institute's technical expertise. As a committee member, Dr. Starkey will contribute his scientific knowledge and regulatory insight to support the development and validation of the Animal Nutrition Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) database, a cornerstone of GFLI's mission.

“NARA’s sustainability goals are aligned with GFLI,” said NARA’s President and CEO, Kent Swisher. “Dr. Starkey and I look forward to helping the institute with their important mission of environmental assessment and improvement.”

NARA’s dedication to advancing sustainability in the animal food, feed, and nutrition sectors, combined with the industry knowledge and expertise that Swisher and Dr. Starkey will bring to the GFLI leadership will be invaluable as the institute continues their mission of promoting environmental assessment and improvement.

About The Global Feed LCA Institute (GFLI)

The Global Feed LCA Institute (GFLI) is an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to advancing sustainability within the animal nutrition and food industry. GFLI's primary objective is to develop and maintain a publicly accessible Animal Nutrition Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) database, facilitating environmental assessments of animal nutrition products and driving continuous improvement in environmental performance. Through collaboration with industry stakeholders and experts, GFLI strives to provide credible, transparent, and globally relevant solutions to address environmental challenges in animal-derived product supply chains.

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About the North American Renderers Association

The North American Renderers Association (NARA) represents the interests of the North American rendering industry to regulatory and other governmental agencies, promotes the greater use of animal byproducts, and fosters the opening and expansion of trade between foreign buyers and North American exporters. In addition to its U.S.-based headquarters, the association maintains offices in Mexico and Hong Kong, and has market consultants in strategic locations around the world. NARA publishes a bi-monthly trade magazine, *Render*. For more information, visit www.nara.org.