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Activated Research Company Receives Industry Impact Award at the 2017 Tekne Awards

18th annual Tekne Awards recognized Minnesota's technology innovators and innovations

Eden Prairie, MN, November 17th, 2017 – The Minnesota High Tech Association (MHTA) has named Activated Research Company as the recipient of the 2017 Tekne Award in the Industry Impact award category. Held November 15 at the Minneapolis Convention Center, the Tekne Awards honor companies and individuals who have played a significant role in developing new technologies that positively impact the lives and futures of people living around the world.

Activated Research Company (ARC) was founded in 2014 with a mission to create catalytic products for their customers to improve the accuracy and overall cost of chemical analysis. ARC's flagship product, the Polyarc® system, is a breakthrough innovation that combines catalysis with chemical analysis to revolutionize 60-year-old technology. The Polyarc gives scientists the capability to determine purity, quantify unknowns, qualify products, investigate renewable feedstocks, improve food and drug development, and more, using an approach that is better, faster, and cheaper than ever before. The Polyarc has been used in industries including biofuels, energy, pharmaceuticals, forensics, flavor, and many more.

"The ARC team is honored and thrilled to be selected as the inaugural Industry Impact Tekne award recipient," said Andrew Jones, CEO and Co-Founder, Activated Research Company. "The Tekne awards showcase the most exciting science and technology innovations happening in Minnesota today. Our Polyarc system embodies ARC's commitment to improving lives through more accurate and accessible chemical analysis. ARC is proud to be a part of Minnesota's scientific community and we congratulate all the Tekne award finalists for their impressive technological achievements."

Tekne Awards were presented to 13 of Minnesota's most influential companies and recognized innovations in software, healthcare, STEM education, workforce development, Internet of Things, cyber security, and more.

"Minnesota continues to be a national leader in technology and science, and this year's Tekne Award recipients are clear evidence of that," said Margaret Anderson Kelliher, president and CEO of MHTA. We are honored to recognize Activated Research Company for their innovations and achievements."

This year's Tekne Awards ceremony was emceed by meteorologist and entrepreneur Paul Douglas. A list of 2017 Tekne Award recipients and finalists is available online at http://www.tekneawards.org.

About Activated Research Company
ARC was founded in 2014 with a mission to make the world a better place using their expertise in catalysis. Their flagship product, the Polyarc system for GC/FID analysis, lays the foundation for future products which combine catalysis and microreactor design to solve unique challenges. For more information, visit www.activatedresearch.com.

About Minnesota High Tech Association (MHTA)
MHTA is an innovation and technology association united in fueling Minnesota's prosperity. We help bring together the people of Minnesota's technology ecosystem and lead the charge in directing technology issues to Minnesota's state capitol. MHTA is the only membership organization that represents Minnesota's entire technology-based economy. MHTA members include organizations of every size – involved in virtually every aspect of technology creation, production, application and education in Minnesota. Find out more online at http://www.mhta.org or follow MHTA on Twitter at http://twitter.com/MHTA.