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Trojan Batteries Power “City of Joy” in the Democratic Republic of the Congo *Solar-powered Village Helps Women Overcome Trauma*

SANTA FE SPRINGS, Calif., March 7, 2013 – [Trojan Battery Co.](#) has provided deep-cycle AGM batteries to support a solar-powered village in the Democratic Republic of the Congo called the City of Joy. The City of Joy, located in city of Bukavu in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, was established in 2012 as a refuge for female survivors of sexual violence perpetrated during the recent decades of war in the region. The community houses more than 180 women of all ages and offers programs designed to help empower the women to become leaders in their communities and learn skills to help them provide for their families when they return to their villages.

“Trojan Battery is honored to be part of such a worthwhile project that focuses on healing and bringing stability back into these women’s lives,” said Bryan Godber, senior vice president of renewable energy for Trojan Battery. “Battery-based renewable energy technologies have made it possible to establish reliable power in remote regions around the globe where access to electricity is unreliable or even nonexistent.”

The City of Joy offers a wide variety of courses designed to enhance the recovery process of the women affected by war violence. Courses include self-defense, storytelling, horticulture, and computer training programs. The women receive training in a particular trade and learn farming techniques to help them earn a living when they return to their villages. They are also offered therapy to help them overcome the traumas they have endured and begin the healing process.

Trojan’s deep-cycle maintenance-free AGM batteries were chosen for this project due to their reputation for durability and reliability. Trojan batteries are designed to withstand the rugged

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conditions often found in developing regions of the world where renewable energy sources are the primary source of power. Trojan's 31-AGM batteries are maintenance-free, low temperature tolerant, shock and vibration resistant and have a low internal resistance for higher discharge current and higher charging efficiency. Trojan's family of deep-cycle AGM, gel and flooded batteries are known for their high-performance and long life and in renewable energy and backup power applications.

By joining together with Green Empowerment, Global Green USA, V-Day, SunPower Foundation, and others, Trojan Battery Company is helping to bring joy to the lives of so many woman that have been victims of extreme violence in this war-torn part of the world.

About the City of Joy

For more information on the City of Joy, please visit: <http://drc.vday.org/city-of-joy>.

About Trojan Battery Company

Trojan Battery Company is the world's leading manufacturer of deep-cycle batteries, offering a complete portfolio of technologically-advanced deep-cycle flooded, AGM and gel batteries that provide maximum long-lasting performance to meet the requirements of today's advancing renewable energy systems. Trojan Battery Company, founded in 1925, is ISO 9001:2008 certified with U.S.-based operations in California and Georgia. For more information, visit www.trojanbatteryRE.com

About Green Empowerment

Green Empowerment provides villages in the developing world access to clean water, electricity through renewable energy, and sustainable solutions. www.greenempowerment.org

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