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2018 SCA Sustainability Award Winners to be Announced at Re:co Symposium

April 16, 2018— The 2018 SCA Sustainability Award winners, Manos al Agua and Twin UK, will be recognized on the Re:co Symposium stage this Thursday, April 19th. The awards, created in 2004, recognize outstanding work in the field of sustainability in the coffee industry.

- **Manos al Agua**, a program of the National Federation of Coffee Growers of Colombia (FNC), will be awarded the Project Award for their work on intelligent water management at the farm and landscape level in Colombia's coffee sector. The program is a private-public partnership between the FNC, Cenicafé, Nestlé, Nespresso, WUR, RVO and APC Colombia.
- Roberto Velez, FNC's Chief Executive Officer, will accept the award on behalf of Manos al Agua.
- **Twin**, a non-governmental organization (NGO), will receive the Business Model Award for their innovative aid-through-trade model that markets and trades coffee from smallholder farmers in countries across Latin America, Africa, and Asia. Twin won an SCA Sustainability Award in 2014 for their work in the Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).
- Richard Anstead, Managing Director at Twin, will accept the award on the organization's behalf.

The selection process for the 2018 Sustainability Awards was led by the SCA Sustainability Center's Awards Committee, chaired by Rosemary Trent of Save the Children, and the winners were chosen by individual votes from the committee's members.

"The SCA has recognized outstanding work in the field of sustainability since 2004 and with every year we see greater diversity in the approaches that companies, organizations, and individuals take to confronting the challenges facing our industry. This year's awards reflect collaborations that happen across geographies, cultures, and supply-chain roles, and I'm thrilled to be able to celebrate a kind of innovation that benefits all of us," says SCA Chief Sustainability Officer Kim Elena Ionescu.

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Re:co Symposium, taking place this April 18-19, is a unique event designed for high-level discussion, leading innovation and strategy development for those passionate and influential in the world of specialty coffee. Through a mixture of speakers, interactive experiences and opportunities for conversation, Re:co looks at the specialty coffee market, the challenges we face and some of the solutions we have, and to shine a light on opportunities for growth and development and will delve into how these can be approached. The event will take place The Westin in Seattle, Washington. Learn more at <https://www.recosymposium.org/>.

Manos al Agua is a private-public partnership of the FNC, Cenicafé, Nestlé, Nespresso, WUR, RVO and APC Colombia. Coffee is the main agriculture product in Colombia and it is intrinsically related with water for crop growing and coffee processing. IWM-Manos al Agua is an innovative project that operates in the territory with a river basin management approach, seeking to improve water management in order to support the Colombian coffee industry. Learn more at <http://www.manosalagua.com/en>.

"Economic profitability is the main pillar of sustainability. Manos al Agua, designed to impact regions and transcend beyond small farms, has reached its goals thanks to the collaborative effort of the public, private sector and academia," says FNC Chief Operating Officer Roberto Velez.

Twin is a development-through-trade NGO working with 49 producer organizations representing over 400,000 coffee, cocoa, and nut smallholder farmers in 17 countries across Latin America, Africa, and Asia. The trading company 'Twin Trading' markets and trades quality coffee and cocoa with development impact. Twin and Twin Trading work hand in hand to access value-added markets on behalf of producer partners, balancing producer support with market demand. Learn more at <http://www.twin.org.uk/>.

"No organization can be successful without a great team, great collaborative partners, and a clear vision. Since 1985, Twin has been privileged to have had each of these in abundance. Twin's vision is a world where trade benefits everyone engaged in it, where business respects and supports the people and ecosystems it touches, and where smallholder farmers have the power to shape their own business and community development. As a team we are immensely proud to win this award, it marks a significant milestone in our journey and provides the Twin family with an exciting platform to continue our work shaping the market to deliver social, environmental, and economic development for smallholder farming communities in developing countries," says Twin Managing Director Richard Anstead.

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