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Emerald Textiles is proud to announce, CEO Tom Gildred is Finalist in 2014 Ernst & Young National Entrepreneur Of The Year® Awards

Entrepreneurial excellence and success is recognized through nationwide award

San Diego, California, December 10, 2014 – Emerald Textiles is pleased to announce that its CEO Tom Gildred was named a finalist at the 2014 Ernst & Young National [Entrepreneur Of The Year®](#) Awards. The national awards were hosted by Seth Myers of Saturday Night Live fame in Palm Springs, California, on November 15, 2014. Only regional award winners are considered for the national honor and of 150 winners across the nation, Gildred was selected as one of 3 finalists in the Emerging category.

Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur Of The Year is the country's most prestigious business award for entrepreneurs. The award encourages entrepreneurial activity and recognizes leaders and visionaries who are building and leading successful, growing and dynamic businesses, recognizing them through regional, national and global awards programs in more than 140 cities in 50 countries. Judging is conducted by an independent panel of judges.

Winners across the nation come from well recognized organizations such as Linked In, Chobani, GoPro and Zillow. Past local winners of the national award include Irwin Jacobs (Founder of Qualcomm), Peter Farrell (ResMed) and Earnest Rady (American Assets). Ted Schroeder, President and CEO of Cadence Pharmaceuticals, and Tom Gildred of Emerald were the only finalists this year from San Diego.

"I am delighted to be named a [finalist](#) in the 2014 Ernst & Young National Entrepreneur Of The Year awards. It's an honor to join this group of highly regarded CEOs across the nation, who are impacting our global economy" said Gildred. "I would like to congratulate Dr. David Hung of Medivation, the national award winner and say 'thank you' to all the entrepreneurs for what they are doing to make a difference."

[Tom Gildred](#) is CEO of Emerald Textiles a Southern California Healthcare laundry provider. Through his leadership, the company built a facility that has won awards from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and SDG&E for their extreme energy savings. In less than four years of operations, Emerald captured significant market share throughout Southern California, and the company currently provides service to over 90% of the hospital beds in San Diego. Not only has Emerald been successful in growing its business, the company saves a staggering amount of water and energy through its eco-friendly processes. Within the first year, Emerald's facility was saving over 40 million gallons of water and

750,000 therms of natural gas annually. Today, innovations and investment in new equipment result in additional savings totaling upwards of 70 million gallons of water each year.

Since achieving Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year award National Finalist status in 2012, Gildred has led Emerald to increase market share in San Diego, and expand into Los Angeles by adding a second facility and several major health networks as customers.

About Emerald Textiles

Emerald Textiles provides the most environmentally responsible, high quality, linen rental and management solution for the Southern California healthcare industry. Emerald's two facilities are located in the greater Los Angeles and San Diego areas and serve hospitals throughout Southern California and across the eastern corridor to Palm Desert. Emerald utilizes the most advanced technology and provides a higher standard of cleanliness, industry compliance and customer satisfaction.

For more information about Emerald Textiles and its services, please visit EmeraldSD.com