

Press Release

Clean Harbors Names John D. Barr to its Board of Directors

Executive has More Than 30 Years of Industrial Sector Management Experience

Braintree, MA – August 8, 2003 – Clean Harbors, Inc. (“Clean Harbors”) (NASDAQ: CLHB), the leading provider of hazardous waste and environmental management services throughout North America, today announced the appointment of John D. Barr, 56, to the Company’s Board of Directors. With the addition of Barr, Clean Harbors’ board expands to eight members, seven of whom are independent directors.

“John Barr brings a breadth and depth of experience to this position, having directed the long-term growth of two companies that reached the billion-dollar level,” said Alan S. McKim, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Clean Harbors. “In addition to his oil industry and automotive aftermarket background, he oversaw the development of an environmental services division — First Recovery Services — while at Valvoline. We welcome him to the board and look forward to drawing on his valuable counsel as we position Clean Harbors to grow into a billion-dollar Company.”

Barr is currently President and CEO of Automotive Performance Industries (API) — a private company based in California and dedicated to providing a variety of logistical services to the major automotive manufacturers. Previously, he served as President and Chief Operating Officer and a Board Member of Quaker State Corporation, where he was integral in guiding the company through a number of acquisitions and divestitures prior to its being acquired by the Pennzoil Company in 1999. Earlier in his career, Barr spent 25 years with the Valvoline Company, a subsidiary of Ashland, Inc., which culminated in an eight-year tenure as President and CEO. Under his leadership, the company doubled revenues to \$1 billion and increased operating profit by 160 percent.

About Clean Harbors, Inc.

Clean Harbors, Inc. through its subsidiaries provides a wide range of environmental and waste management services to a diversified customer base including a majority of the *Fortune 500* companies, thousands of smaller private entities and numerous governmental agencies. Within its international footprint, Clean Harbors has service and sales offices located in 36 states, six Canadian provinces, Mexico, and Puerto Rico, and operates 52 waste management facilities strategically located throughout North America. For more information, visit our Web site at www.cleanharbors.com.

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