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Alaska Native Renewable Industries joins the Iditarod family as Wheel Dog Partner

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Iditarod is delighted to welcome Alaska Native Renewable Industries (ANRI) as the newest Wheel Dog Partner just in time for the 50th anniversary of the race.

Alaska Native Renewable Industries was created to provide better access to renewable energy for rural Alaskans who pay some of the highest costs in the country for diesel fuel used to power generators in their communities. Today, ANRI provides community utility-scale solar array installations, battery energy storage systems (BESS) and LED retrofit services to individual homes and community buildings in rural Alaska.

“It is always a joy to welcome new partners to the Iditarod family,” said Iditarod CEO Rob Urbach. “We see a kinship in the logistics it takes to execute our race and the expertise of ANRI and how it understands the intricacies of operating in rural Alaska. We are excited to welcome them as a Wheel Dog Partner for this special anniversary year.”

The Iditarod and ANRI share a common interest in connecting with remote communities in Alaska to uphold the unique way of life in the 49th State.

“ANRI is proud to support the 2022 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race as a Wheel Dog Partner for the 50th anniversary,” said ANRI Founder and CEO Edwin Bifelt. “Our team was born and raised in the rural Alaska villages of Huslia, Tanana, Ruby/Galena and Hughes. We grew up learning about the importance of dog teams for our Koyukon Athabascan culture and the proud history of competitive mushers that came from our villages. We are excited to begin this partnership with the Iditarod as we grow our business throughout rural Alaska and beyond.”

The ceremonial start of the Iditarod will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 5, in downtown Anchorage. Fans are encouraged to come and support the 49 race teams on their journey to Nome.

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About Alaska Native Renewable Industries

Alaska Native Renewable Industries (ANRI) is an Alaska licensed general contractor construction company focused on the engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) of utility-scale Solar PV ground mount projects and lithium-ion Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) for rural Alaska communities and utilities. The company has successfully completed the three (3) largest



solar projects in rural Alaska (Hughes, Kotzebue and Shungnak) and the 2nd largest solar project in the state of Alaska. The company provides itself on proving industry best materials, quality construction services in addition to a strong focus on local hire on all rural Alaska projects as we help communities on their journey to sustainable and renewable solar powered electricity. For more information, please visit www.anr-industries.com.

About The Iditarod

The Iditarod Trail Committee is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve the rich tradition of the Alaska sled dog and the Iditarod Trail. The organization is charged with coordinating the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, an annual long-distance sled dog race stretching from Anchorage to Nome for nearly a 1,000-mile journey through Alaska over the roughest, most breathtaking terrain in the world. For more information, visit www.iditarod.com.

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