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## **Network Created to Connect Women in the Remanufacturing Industry, Strengthen Community**

### **New MERA group embraces diversity and inclusion**

SOUTHFIELD, Mich., Dec. 18, 2020 — MERA - The Association for Sustainable Manufacturing announced the formation of the Women in Remanufacturing Network. This new group aims to provide a community where women from diverse roles within the remanufacturing sector can come together to connect, inspire, guide and support one another.

“The Women in Remanufacturing Network includes women from different job roles, spanning all stages of the career path, from small to large organizations,” said Cheryl Dry, senior manager of programs & member services at MERA. “What we all have in common is that we are women who work in a largely male-dominated industry, so having a network to connect and develop relationships is very valuable.”

Launched in August during the week of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the group meets regularly to share best practices and resources, discuss topics of mutual interest, and hear from special guest presenters. Most recently, Julie Martin, former global vice president of sales at Hella, shared the story of her successful and inventive career, which included pioneering a contemporary job-sharing program and forming a women’s diversity group.

“I am happy and proud to be a part of this impressive network of women,” said Anita Barlow, managing director, AFM reman for BorgWarner and a member of the MERA board of directors. “Beyond being an admirable initiative focused on diversity, equity

and inclusion, this group will be a place to learn about challenges, opportunities and potential solutions, while also celebrating the ongoing contribution of women in sustainable manufacturing.”

Participation in the Women in Remanufacturing Network is a benefit of MERA membership at no additional fee. To learn more, contact Cheryl Dry at [cdry@mera.org](mailto:cdry@mera.org).

### **About MERA**

MERA - The Association for Sustainable Manufacturing is the remanufacturing and sustainability division of MEMA. With roots in the transportation industry, MERA represents the interests of the broader remanufacturing community across multiple industry sectors. The organization is a network of remanufacturers, suppliers, universities, and professional services firms that promotes the economic, environmental, and product performance benefits of remanufacturing and similar forms of sustainable manufacturing. MERA is also the home of [Manufactured Again™](#), the certification program where remanufacturing and new manufacturing are held to the same international quality standards.

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