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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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#### **CHARLES INDUSTRIES NAMED TO BROADBAND COMMUNITIES MAGAZINE'S 2016 "TOP 100 MDU TECHNOLOGY PROVIDERS" LIST**

**ROLLING MEADOWS, IL (November 14, 2016)** – Charles Industries, Ltd., a leading provider of outside plant innovations for telecommunications, wireless, CATV and utility providers, has been named to Broadband Communities Magazine's annual list of the Top 100 MDU Technology Providers as reported in the magazine's October 2016 issue. The list recognizes companies serving the multiple-dwelling-unit (MDU) market with innovations that enhance residents' broadband experience. First published in 2012, Charles Industries has appeared consecutively in the five years the magazine has published its Top 100 MDU Technology Providers list.

Broadband Communities compiles its annual list of the Top 100 MDU Technology Providers through a panel of industry experts that included property owners and their advisers. The panel reviewed hundreds of companies doing business in North America and actively engaged in the MDU market. To be considered for the list, companies were required to meet three requirements: 1) provide products or services that help property owners create technology amenities to attract and retain residents; 2) have a history of innovation and successful deployments; and 3) identify MDUs as a target market.

Charles Industries has been recognized in the Equipment–Wired Broadband category which includes companies offering electronics, cabling and connectivity equipment used to deliver broadband services in MDUs over wired networks, including fiber optic, cable and telephone networks. Charles' indoor and outdoor enclosures; including Fiber Interconnect Terminals and Hubs (CFIT), Universal Enclosures (CFIT-Flex), Fiber Building Terminals and Hubs (CFBT) and Fiber Transition Terminals (CFTT); were cited as indispensable elements in MDU fiber distribution networks.

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“Charles remains committed to providing the MDU market’s most flexible fiber enclosures,” stated Minesh Patel, vice president of Charles’ Outside Plant Business Unit. “We’ve developed our product line to include interior and exterior fiber aggregation and demarcation enclosures for every type of MDU, including high-rise, mid-rise, low-rise, garden style, and hybrid multi-family dwellings.”

Engineers and product managers at Charles, working with property owners and service providers, realized early on that flexibility was the key component to designing MDU fiber enclosures. “Our customers distribute broadband services using a multitude of architectures and equipment, all of which need reliable environmental protection,” related Dominic Imbrogno, director of active enclosure solutions at Charles. “Our product portfolio reflects that need for flexibility. Our CFIT, CFIT-Flex and CFBT enclosures include provisions for handling different fiber types (fanout, pigtail), connectors (LC, SC, MPO), splitter trays (bare end, connectorized) and other accessories. They are designed for grow-as-you-go scalability and technician-friendly cable routing, and manufactured from quality materials for long service life.”

Charles Industries has provided the telecommunications, broadband, wireless and utilities markets with non-metallic distribution pedestals since 1968, and began offering fiber optic solutions in 2001. Broadband outside plant product lines include buried distribution pedestal and cabinet solutions for every fiber type (ribbon, loose buffer tube or central core tube) and distribution method (mechanical splice, fusion splice, or pre-connectorized).

Broadband Communities Magazine’s 2016 Top 100 MDU Technology Providers List may be viewed at: [http://www.bbcmag.com/2016mags/Oct/BBC\\_Oct16\\_MDUTop100.pdf](http://www.bbcmag.com/2016mags/Oct/BBC_Oct16_MDUTop100.pdf).



**About Charles Industries, Ltd.**

2016 marks Charles Industries’ 48th year as a privately held, diversified manufacturing and technology company serving telecommunications, wireless, broadband, utility, marine and industrial markets. Founded in 1968, the company is ISO 9001:2008 and TL 9000 registered and headquartered in Rolling Meadows, Illinois with four additional U.S.-based manufacturing centers. For further information, please visit [www.charlesindustries.com](http://www.charlesindustries.com) or call (847) 806-6300.