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Express Clydesdales Crowned Eight-Hitch World Champions

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oct. 8, 2015 – Besting 600 of the most elite Clydesdales from around the world, the Express Clydesdales of Express Employment Professionals dominated the Eight-Horse Hitch category at the World Championship in London, Ontario, earlier this month, following a previous Six-Horse Hitch World Champion title in 2011.

In addition to being named world champions, driver Josh Minshull led the Clydesdales to being voted best shod hitch, while driver Dayona Johnson captured the title of Junior Youth World Champion. Driver Janine Regier also led the Express Clydesdales to a first-place win in the first-ever Make-A-Wish Cart Class.

The Express Clydesdales took home second place in the Team Hitch (Gelding Stallions), Unicorn Hitch (Geldings) and Junior Team. The horses also won third place for Team Hitch (Ladies' Hitch), Four-Horse Hitch (Geldings) and Six-Horse Hitch (Geldings).

Minshull, general manager for the Express Clydesdales, is nationally known as one of the best drivers in the industry. Under his training and leadership, these rare black-and-white Clydesdales continue to win numerous awards.

“A lot of hard work and effort went into preparing the horses for this year’s World Championship, held in Canada for the first time in 16 years,” he said. “The fact that we placed in so many categories says a lot about our program, and we take great pride in that. We would like to thank all of our loyal fans and Express CEO Bob Funk for all of their support.”

The Clydesdale barn and welcome center are located on Express Ranches, a 6,000 acre ranch in Yukon, Oklahoma. There are 22 Clydesdale geldings on the ranch, each standing 17-18 hands high and weighing

around 2,000 pounds each. Their shoes are the size of dinner plates and weigh more than three pounds each.

The Express Clydesdales have participated in many nationally recognized parades and promotional events including Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the Tournament of Roses Parade, Fiesta Bowl Parade, Orange Bowl Parade, Hollywood Parade, the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade, the International Finals Rodeo and the Professional Bull Riders World Finals.

In 2011, the world-renowned Clydesdales escorted Britain's Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, Prince William and his wife, Kate, during their visit to North America.

Serving as ambassadors for Express Employment Professionals, the Express Clydesdales make nearly 150 appearances a year, helping raise money for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and other charities.

For more information, visit Expressclydesdales.com.

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About Express Employment Professionals

Express Employment Professionals puts people to work. It generated \$2.85 billion in sales and employed more than 456,000 people in 2014. Its long-term goal is to put a million people to work annually.

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