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RLJ MCLARTY LANDERS TOPS 2012 AUTO DEALERS LIST

Automotive Group is Ranked #1 for the Third Consecutive Year on Annual B.E. 100s list, Published by Black Enterprise

BETHESDA, MD//JUNE 6, 2012//Robert L. Johnson, founder and chairman of The RLJ Companies and chairman of the board of the automotive group RLJ McLarty Landers Automotive Holdings, LLC ranked first on this year's "B.E. 100s Auto Dealers," list published annually by *Black Enterprise*.

The automotive group has topped the B.E. 100s list for three consecutive years and its rank is based on 2011 revenue among 60 minority auto dealers in the country.

"RLJ McLarty Landers continues to grow and expand our dealership base across the country," said Johnson. "I am pleased with this year's top ranking and believe it's a true testament to our talented management team and our proven ability to execute acquisitions and compete in the automotive industry," he concluded.

RLJ McLarty Landers Automotive is headquartered in Little Rock, Arkansas and is the largest African American owned automotive franchise in the country consisting of 35 automotive franchises and three Harley-Davidson motorcycle dealerships across the South Central, Southeast, and Midwest regions of the country. RLJ McLarty Landers is led by Thomas "Mack" McLarty, who serves as vice chairman, is the former chief of staff to President Bill Clinton and whose family has been in the transportation business for four-generations; and Steve Landers, Sr. the automotive group's president who is an experienced auto dealer who hails from Arkansas.

About The RLJ Companies: *The RLJ Companies, founded by Robert L. Johnson, is an innovative business network that provides strategic investments in a diverse portfolio of companies operating in hotel real estate investment; private equity; financial services; asset management; insurance services; automobile dealerships; sports and entertainment; and video lottery terminal (VLT) gaming. The RLJ Companies is headquartered in Bethesda, MD, with affiliate operations in Charlotte, NC; Little Rock, AR; Los Angeles, CA; San Juan, PR; and Monrovia, Liberia. Prior to founding The RLJ Companies, Johnson was founder and chairman of Black Entertainment Television (BET). For additional information please visit: www.rljcompanies.com.*

About RLJ McLarty Landers Automotive Holdings, LLC: *Headquartered in Little Rock, Arkansas, RLJ McLarty Landers consists of 35 automotive franchises and three Harley-Davidson motorcycle dealerships across the South Central, Southeast, and Midwest regions of the country. RLJ McLarty Landers was ranked 19th on the Automotive News annual list of "Top 125 Dealerships in the U.S." and number one on the annual Black Enterprise 100s list. RLJ McLarty Landers is the largest African American owned automotive franchise in the country.*

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