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ABF Logistics Acquires Smart Lines Transportation Group

FORT SMITH, Arkansas, January 5, 2015 — ABF LogisticsSM, an ArcBest company [Nasdaq: ARCB], today announced it has acquired Smart Lines Transportation Group, LLC, a privately held truckload brokerage firm based in Oklahoma City, Okla., effective January 2, 2015, for \$5.17 million in cash.

Smart Lines, founded in 2003, has 24 employees and approximately \$18 million in annual revenue, primarily serving the food, energy and industrial segments. The acquisition will expand ABF Logistics into the Oklahoma City market.

“The purchase of Smart Lines Transportation Group is an important step in our strategy to grow the emerging businesses at ArcBest and provide a variety of supply chain services to our customers in the way they expect,” said ABF Logistics President Jim Ingram. “We believe the talent pool in Oklahoma City is vibrant and thriving, making it an ideal location for ABF Logistics’ first branch outside the Fort Smith area. We have plans to aggressively expand this branch and are excited about the growth prospects ahead.”

Greg Roush, who founded Smart Lines and served as president, has been named branch director of the Oklahoma City location, now officially known as ABF Logistics. He has 30 years of experience in the trucking industry, primarily in the truckload segment.

“Smart Lines is a natural fit for ABF Logistics as we both promote a strong customer centric focus,” Roush said. “Our current and future customers are gaining greater access to more resources through ABF Logistics and its sister companies ABF Freight and Panther Premium Logistics. We’re excited to become part of the broader ArcBest team, with its reputation for going above and beyond to solve complex transportation needs.”

ABOUT ABF LOGISTICS

ABF Logistics is a sister company to ABF FreightSM and provides third-party logistics services including brokerage, intermodal, and ocean transport, transportation management, warehousing and household moving. We have the skill and the will to build and deliver seamless, customized supply chain solutions powered by advanced technology with access through a single point of contact.

ABOUT ARCBEST

ArcBest CorporationSM [Nasdaq: ARCB] solves complex logistics and transportation challenges. Our companies and brands – ABF FreightSM, ABF LogisticsSM, Panther Premium LogisticsSM, FleetNet America®, U-Pack® and ArcBest Technologies – apply the skill and the will with every shipment and supply chain solution, household move or vehicle repair. ArcBest finds a way.

For more information, visit arcb.com, abf.com, pantherpremium.com, fleetnetamerica.com and upack.com. ArcBest CorporationSM. The Skill & The WillSM.

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements and information in this press release may constitute “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Terms such as “anticipate,” “believe,” “could,” “estimate,” “expect,” “forecast,” “foresee,” “intend,” “may,” “plan,” “predict,” “project,” “scheduled,” “should,” “would” and similar expressions and the negatives of such terms are intended to identify forward-looking statements, which are generally not historical in nature. These forward-looking statements are based on management’s current expectations and beliefs concerning future developments and their potential effect on us. Although management believes that these forward-looking statements are reasonable, as and when made, there can be no assurance that future developments affecting us will be those that we anticipate. Our forward-looking statements involve significant risks and uncertainties (some of which are beyond our control) and assumptions that could cause actual results to differ materially from our historical experience and management’s present expectations or projections. Important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to: general economic conditions and related shifts in market demand that impact the performance and needs of industries served by ArcBest Corporation’s subsidiaries and/or limit our customers’ access to adequate financial resources; unfavorable terms of, or the inability to reach agreement on, future collective bargaining agreements or a workforce stoppage by our employees covered under ABF Freight’s collective bargaining agreement; relationships with employees, including unions; union and nonunion employee wages and benefits, including changes in required contributions to multiemployer pension plans; competitive initiatives, pricing pressures, the effect of volatility in fuel prices and the associated changes in fuel surcharges on securing increases in base freight rates and the inability to collect fuel surcharges; availability of fuel; default on covenants of financing arrangements and the availability and terms of future financing arrangements; availability and cost of reliable third-party services; disruptions or failures of services essential to the operation of our business or the use of information technology platforms in our business; timing and amount of capital expenditures, increased prices for and decreased availability of new revenue equipment and decreases in value of used revenue equipment; future costs of operating expenses such as maintenance and fuel and related taxes; self-insurance claims and insurance premium costs; governmental regulations and policies, including environmental laws and regulations; potential impairment of goodwill and intangible assets; the impact of our brands and corporate reputation; the cost, timing and performance of growth initiatives; the cost, integration and performance of any future acquisitions; the costs of continuing investments in technology, a failure of our information systems and the impact of cyber incidents; weather conditions; and other financial, operational and legal risks and uncertainties detailed from time to time in ArcBest Corporation’s Securities and Exchange Commission public filings.

For additional information regarding known material factors that could cause our actual results to differ from our projected results, please see our filings with SEC, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K.

Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements after the date they are made, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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