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**EY ANNOUNCES SHIVA RAJAGOPALAN, CEO, OF SEVEN LAKES TECHNOLOGIES IS AN EY ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR® 2015 AWARD RECIPIENT IN GREATER LOS ANGELES**

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**Westlake Village, CA, June 17, 2015** – EY today announced that Shiva Rajagopalan, CEO, of Seven Lakes Technologies, a leading developer of innovative enterprise software and solutions for the Oil & Gas industry, received the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2015 Award in the Business Services category in Greater Los Angeles. The award recognizes outstanding entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance, and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. Shiva Rajagopalan was selected by an independent panel of judges, and the award was presented at a black-tie Awards Gala event on June 16 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, CA.

Seven Lakes Technologies was founded in 2009 when Mr. Rajagopalan noticed large technology gaps in the upstream oil & gas sector and was able to deliver software-based efficiency tools to various early customers. The company, which has since grown at a rapid pace, today has 28 clients and 60 employees spread across its four offices: Westlake Village, CA (HQ); Irvine, CA; Houston, TX and Bangalore, India. "This is an incredible honor for the entire team and a validation of our hard work, drive and commitment to delivering innovative, impactful and game-changing software technology to the oil and gas industry," explained Rajagopalan. "We still have a lot of work ahead of us, but we are very excited by the results we are seeing and our expectations for the future," he added.

Now in its 29th year, the program has honored the inspirational leadership of such entrepreneurs as Howard Schultz of Starbucks Coffee Company, Pierre Omidyar of eBay, Inc., and Mindy Grossman of HSN. Recent US national award recipients include Reid Hoffman and Jeff Weiner of LinkedIn; Hamdi Ulukaya, founder of Chobani; and 2014 winner Dr. David Hung, President and CEO and Chairman of Medivation.

As a Greater Los Angeles award recipient, Shiva Rajagopalan is now eligible for consideration for the Entrepreneur Of The Year 2015 national program. Award recipients in several national categories, as well as the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Overall Award recipient, will be announced at the annual awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on November 14, 2015. The awards are the culminating event of the EY Strategic Growth Forum®, the nation's most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies.

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Seven Lakes Technologies is a vertically focused analytics & technology solutions firm offering products and services for the Upstream (E&P) Oil and Gas sector; focused on improving business drivers and enhancing execution of customer business strategies. Seven Lakes offers innovative product suites focused around Drilling & Completions, Production & Operations, Accounting and Data Management & Analytics. Seven Lakes Technologies is headquartered in Westlake Village, CA with offices in Houston, TX, Irvine, CA and Bangalore, India. For more information, please visit <http://www.sevenlakes.com>

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