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PLASTICS PIPE INSTITUTE ADDS
DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING

IRVING, Texas - Feb. 28, 2011 - The Plastics Pipe Institute, Inc. (PPI) announced today that Randy Knapp has joined the organization as director of engineering, Fuel Gas and Building & Construction Divisions. Reporting to the PPI Executive Director, Knapp will be responsible for the technical, marketing and industry outreach programs.

Knapp had been the brand/product manager for UPONOR - USA, a member company of the PPI which is a membership-based trade association representing all segments of the plastic pipe industry. The mission of the organization is to promote plastics as the material of choice for pipe applications.

"This newly created position provides increased stewardship for two divisions within PPI where growth indicators for market expansion are clear, and Randy is a great fit to supply direction in order to capitalize in these areas. He is already well-known as a strong leader because of his history of participation in numerous PPI committees, task groups and service in other capacities including as a past member of our board of directors," Tony Radoszewski, executive director of PPI said. "His extensive professional background, knowledge of the PPI, its goals and challenges, along with his academic accreditations and his insight about national standards organizations all combine for our greater benefit and that of the industry overall. Randy's main focus will be further advancing that knowledge and broadening the scope of end-users of polyethylene pipe within these divisions."

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Knapp earned a BS in mechanical engineering from California State University - Northridge, an MBA from the University of St. Thomas (MN), and is currently completing his Ph.D. dissertation at the University of Minnesota.

Additional information can be found at www.plasticpipe.org.

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About PPI:

The Plastics Pipe Institute Inc. (PPI) is the major trade association representing all segments of the plastic pipe industry and is dedicated to promoting plastics as the material of choice for pipe applications. PPI is the premier technical, engineering and industry knowledge resource publishing data for use in development and design of plastic pipe systems. Additionally, PPI collaborates with industry organizations that set standards for manufacturing practices and installation methods.