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PLASTICS PIPE INSTITUTE

ANNUAL INDUSTRY AWARDS ANNOUNCED

IRVING, Texas.- June 10, 2014 – During its recent annual meeting, the Plastics Pipe Institute, Inc. (PPI) honored four individual members and five member-company projects. Winners were recognized for exceptional service and significant achievements involving the use of plastic pipe. PPI is the major trade association representing all segments of the plastic pipe industry.

Presented during the May 4-7 meeting in Palm Springs, the award winners were:

PPI Projects of the Year

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION DIVISION:

PPI Member Company: Viega, LLC, McPherson, Kansas

Awarded Project: Sun Valley Ski Resort Outdoor Snow Melting System

For one of the largest snowmelt projects more than 14,800 feet of PEX tubing was installed in a single day, which is more than twice the typical amount. With a total of 60,000 square feet of controlled snowmelt and 32 miles of tubing, this project provides two key aspects to Sun Valley's business. First is safety for resort guests and employees and second, an economic strategy to operate and control this system while adding value to the bottom line.

ViegaPEX Barrier tubing and Viega PEX Press fittings enabled the Sun Valley resort to install a more efficient snow melting system that saved energy and provided better service to their customers, and complete the project on time.

CONDUIT DIVISION:

PPI Member Company: Southwire Company, Carrollton, Georgia

Awarded Project: Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative Project

The Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative recently replaced some 20 miles of overhead conductor conductor in the Condon, Oregon ice area with high-density polyethylene (HDPE) Cable-In-Conduit (CIC). This CIC installation has helped to reduce maintenance and unplanned outages in an area plagued with fog, ice, and other severe weather. Using Southwire Company's SIMpull® Cable-In-Conduit has reduced failures due to damage or weather extremes.

CORRUGATED PLASTIC PIPE DIVISION:

**PPI Member Companies: Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc., Hilliard, Ohio.
HD Supply Waterworks, Thomasville, Georgia**

Awarded Project: Everglades Restoration Project

Large diameter polypropylene pipe was used in a field test project conducted along a 3,000- foot stretch of the levees and canals to determine how best to design and formulate plans for future Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) projects.

This prototype project used 10 runs of 100 linear feet of 60-inch diameter Advanced Drainage Systems' HP storm pipe with vertical lift gates to provide east/west drainage through the levee. The structure has a maximum combined flow of 750 cubic feet per second (cfs) with velocities up to three centimeters a second to allow for pulse releases.

ENERGY PIPING SYSTEMS DIVISION:

PPI Member Company: Flexpipe Systems, Inc., Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Awarded Project: Light Crude Oil Transfer Pipeline, Australia

In 2013 a 170 km (105.6 miles) reinforced thermoplastic pipe (RTP) pipeline was commissioned in Australia to transport light crude oil from a source location in Queensland to an oil processing facility in South Australia. Able to meet the high pressure requirement of 1,500 psi and temperature of 180 F, the four-inch diameter line was installed in preference

over trucking the liquids, and was the first of its kind to be installed in this area. The RTP line provided a 50 percent savings compared to steel pipe. For this application, Flexpipe's RTP met the need to be both easy and fast to install and also stand up to the technical requirements of Australia's pipeline standard AS 2885.1 'Pipelines – Gas and Liquid Petroleum'.

MUNICIPAL & INDUSTRIAL DIVISION

**PPI Member Companies: ISCO Industries, Louisville, KY and
McElroy Manufacturing, Inc., Tulsa, Okla.**

Awarded Project: Wichita Falls, Texas Emergency Water Reuse Project.

More than 83 percent of Texas was in severe (D-3) to exceptional (D-5) drought conditions in 2013, and the city of Wichita Falls lost 70 percent of their water supply in the past two years, affecting more than 140,000 people. This project provided an emergency solution – a Direct Potable Reuse (DPW) pipeline constructed using HDPE pipe that was fused together using McElroy units.

This water reuse project takes purified water, created from the 7 to 10 million gallons of treated wastewater that is normally released into the Wichita River every day, and sends it through a 12-mile HDPE pipeline constructed by ISCO Industries to the Cypress Water Treatment Plant. It then goes through extensive filtration, reverse osmosis, and clarification, and is mixed with raw surface water. The 50/50 mixture then goes through another treatment process and finally is supplied to the public.

PPI Members of the Year

In addition to the PPI Projects of the Year, the association also cited members who have contributed their time and expertise to the advancement and technical documentation of thermoplastic pipe.

As voted by their fellow members, the PPI Members of the Year are:

- Greg Bohn, Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc., Hilliard, Ohio, PPI CPPA Division
- Dick Kraft, Endot Industries, Inc. Rockaway, NJ, PPI EPS Division
- Allison Crabtree, Dura-Line Corporation, Knoxville, TN, PPI M&I Division
- Steve Tappan, LyondellBasell Industries, Houston, TX, PPI Conduit Division

"This was another strong meeting for our group," stated Tony Radoszewski, president of the PPI. "Reports from all divisions show that plastic pipe continues to gain in awareness, approval and acceptance. We as a group are developing and fulfilling programs that make our products the preferred option for piping applications.

"The concentration by our members on the technical aspects of the business, which includes testing, data analysis and quantification, has gained more approval standards from groups such as AWWA, ASTM and AASHTO. The PPI continues to succeed in growing our industry, and helping the infrastructure to use cost-effective materials and products that are proven to last for generations.

"During the past five years," he continued, "we have been told that the award program is an important part of the meeting because the honored members receive the recognition of their peers. Each nominated member and project is reviewed and voted upon by each division management committee and that is why it is so significant to receive a Project of the Year or a Member of the Year award."

For more information, visit the Plastics Pipe Institute website: www.plasticpipe.org.

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PALM SPRINGS, Calif. -- Receiving PPI awards are (front row, left to right) Allison Crabtree, Dura-Line Corporation; Dick Kraft, Endot Industries, Inc; Pat Kelly, ISCO Industries; Gary Morgan, Viega, LLC; Michael Tribble, Southwire Company; Tony Radoszewski, PPI, and (back row, left to right) Jim Guilfoyle, LyondellBasell Industries(on behalf of Steve Tappan); Jim Johnston, McElroy Manufacturing, Inc.; Michael Whitehouse, ISCO Industries; Greg Bohn, Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc.; Blaine Weller, Flexpipe Systems, Inc.; Scott Caldwell, Flexpipe Systems, Inc.



PALM SPRINGS, Calif. -- Receiving the Project of the Year award for his company are (left to right) Jim Johnston, McElroy Manufacturing, Inc.; Gary Morgan, Viega, LLC; Greg Bohn, Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc.; Blaine Weller, Flexpipe Systems, Inc.; Michael Tribble (front), Southwire Company; Michael Whitehouse (rear), ISCO Industries; Tony Radoszewski, PPI; Scott Caldwell, Flexpipe Systems, Inc.; and Pat Kelly, ISCO Industries.



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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.