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NEW MANUFACTURERS' IDENTIFICATION REGISTRY FOR
GAS PIPING SYSTEM COMPONENTS NOW AVAILABLE

The Plastics Pipe Institute Launches www.ComponentID.org for
Manufacturers' Marking of All PE Gas Distribution Pipe and Components

IRVING, Texas - Jan. 22, 2013 - The Plastics Pipe Institute, Inc. (PPI) announced today the establishment of a new website that acts as a clearinghouse for the registration of all polyethylene (PE) gas pipe and component manufacturers' identification codes. It can be found at www.componentID.org. PPI is the major trade association representing all segments of the plastic pipe industry.

"This is a critical part of the tracking and traceability system which provides a standardized approach to marking all gas distribution system components," stated Stephen Boros, technical director, PPI. "It was developed so manufacturers could easily provide product traceability information that gas utilities can use in the implementation of their own Distribution Integrity Management Program (DIMP), a program that has been mandated by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), U.S. Department of Transportation.

"PPI has agreed to operate and maintain this registry which was developed in coordination with the Operations and Technology Development (OTD) consortium of gas utilities to support the registration of a unique manufacturer identifier in conjunction with the ASTM F2897-11 '*Standard Specification for Tracking and Traceability Encoding System of Natural Gas Distribution Components (Pipe, Tubing, Valves, and Fittings)*.'" Boros said.

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ASTM F2897 alphanumeric and barcode marking requirements are now included in many leading plastic gas component standards including: ASTM D2513; F1924; F1948, F2138.

Boros stated that the "PPI manufacturers identification service is available to all gas industry component manufacturers and not only PPI members."

Boros added that it is anticipated that other gas system components such as metallic piping and fittings will be added in the future. "We believe that with the successful implementation of this program into gas distribution, this type of tracking and traceability program could prove valuable for other applications such as potable water or storm water management systems."

For more information, go to: 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 method.

