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SPFA COMPLETES 2004 CERTIFICATION OF STEEL PIPE FABRICATORS

LAKE ZURICH, IL – August 19, 2004 – The Steel Plate Fabricators Association (SPFA) completed its 2003-04 certification quality audit program for fabricators of large-capacity steel water pipe.

The Steel Pipe Section of SPFA for years has administered the certification program to provide water-pipe customers assurance of high quality fabrication.

“The whole purpose of the certification is to make steel pipe a quality-focused industry,” said George Ruchti, chairman of the SPFA Steel Pipe Section. “The importance of certification is its growing prevalence in water-pipe project specifications.”

The following companies have been certified by SPFA.

- Mid America Pipe – Scammon, KS
- Continental Pipe – Pleasant Grove, UT
- Piping Systems – Saginaw, TX
- RTLC – Kosse, TX

- American SpiralWeld – Columbus, SC and Birmingham, AL
- Skyline Steel – Pittsburgh, PA
- Trinity Steel & Pipe – Weir, KS
- Ameron International – Phoenix, AZ, Tracy, CA and Arrow, CA

“The certification program recently hired Lloyd’s Register Quality Assurance, an international registrar for quality programs to perform the audit,” said Wayne Geyer, Executive Vice-President of STI/SPFA. “The auditor examines internal documentation procedures, materials used in fabrication, welding operations, and all documentation matters related to quality.”

The Steel Tank Institute and the Steel Plate Fabrications Association, Divisions of STI/SPFA, combined earlier this year to form STI/SPFA, serving companies who fabricate steel tanks, piping and pressure vessels for use in the petroleum, water, and chemical processing industries. STI/SPFA provides training and certification, performs quality assurance inspections, develops industry standards and specifications, produces safety manuals, and serves as a liaison to regulatory and code authorities. For further information, contact Wayne Geyer at STI/SPFA, 570 Oakwood Road, Lake Zurich, IL 60047, Phone: 847/438-8265 Fax: 847/438-8766 E-mail: wgeyer@steeltank.com Web: www.steeltank.com and www.spfa.org. # # #