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PLASTIC PIPES XVII – CALL FOR CONFERENCE PAPERS NOW OPEN

An official call for papers has been announced for Plastic Pipes XVII. This international Plastic Pipes Conference and exhibition will be hosted in Chicago 22 – 24 September 2014. Organizers of this global event have requested authors to submit paper abstracts in English before 15 November 2013 with final deadline for completed work to be posted by 16 May 2014.

Whereas key subject areas will be market issues, pipeline solutions, application areas, material testing and performance, special consideration will be given to relevant contributions outside of these criteria. At least 100 individual presentations are scheduled for this event that continues to provide a major technical and commercial window and platform for the industry.

Stephen Boros, VP Engineering Pipeline Plastics, LLC and recently appointed chairman of the conference organization explains that Chicago will be one of the most important events for our industry to share new developments in the field of plastic pipe technology and use. "Low cost, ease of installation, sustainability and long term performance advantages of plastic pipes continue to propel the industry towards greater global demand in all application sectors. Worldwide expectations for a six percent annual growth in their use over the next few years are now viewed as conservative given the overwhelming trend for replacement of antiquated competing pipe materials."

"Increasing demand in energy sectors such as oil and gas gathering and gas distribution, as well as replacement of older failing water and sewer systems is driving much of this growth. This demand is also promoting further development of plastic based composite piping systems for very high pressures, and new materials

such as high performance polyethylene compounds and manufacturing techniques such as bi-oriented PVC technology.”

Conference audiences are typically drawn from a wide spectrum of industry stakeholders that include manufacturers, gas, water and sewer utility providers, raw material suppliers, technical institutes and industry associations from all over the world.

Zoran Davidovski, Pipelife International GmbH, spokesman for the Chicago conference anticipates well over 500 participants. “Our recent regional events in China and Russia have indicated a stronger need to communicate the fast evolving nature of the plastic pipe industry. Our conferences are typically structured to promote the network for plastic pipe connections and human connections. Bridging the gap between market suppliers and service users is a fundamental goal that has proved very successful in the communication process.”

Plastics Pipes XVII is organized in collaboration with The Plastics Pipe Institute, TEPPFA, PE 100 Association and PVC4Pipes. Sponsors for Plastic Pipes VXII in Chicago include Rollepaal and Battenfeld-Cincinnati as the main corporate diamond level sponsors as well as Dow Chemical and Baerlocher Group at gold level, Chevron Phillips, Lyondell/Basell, and MOL at the silver level, as well as Floridienne Chimie and others. Exhibition space is limited and being taken up quickly. Additional information is therefore available by visiting:

www.ppxvii.org.

Paper topics, how to submit an abstract, conference registration and all further information available from:

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