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MSS MOURNS THE PASSING OF ITS PRESIDENT, THOMAS J. HANNAFIN

Vienna, VA – The Manufacturers Standardization Society (MSS) mourns the passing of its President, Thomas J. (“Tom”) Hannafin. Tom was recently elected President by unanimous vote of MSS members at the May 15, 2012 Annual Meeting. His wide-ranging knowledge of the valve and fittings industry as well as his sound judgment and loyalty to MSS were recognized by all who knew him.

Since 1985, Tom Hannafin was associated with KITZ Corporation of America (KCI) in Stafford, Texas. KITZ is a wholly owned subsidiary of KITZ Corporation, Japan, and a leading global manufacturer of flow control products. He served as Vice President of Marketing and as Director of the Corporation from 1997 to 2008, after forty-two years of valve sales and marketing experience to the Hydrocarbon Processing Industry (HPI) and related industries. Over the past twenty plus years, Tom served on standards-related task forces in the American Petroleum Institute (API) and numerous MSS and Valve Manufacturers Association (VMA) technical committees. Tom served on the MSS Board of Directors for the past ten years, initially as Membership Committee Chairman, then as Treasurer, First Vice President, and President.

About MSS
The Manufacturers Standardization Society (MSS) of the Valve and Fittings Industry is a non-profit technical association organized for development and improvement of industry, national and international codes and standards for Valves, Valve Actuators, Valve Modifications, Pipe Fittings, Flanges, Pipe Hangers and Supports, and Associated Seals. Since its establishment in 1924, MSS has been dedicated to developing standards for national and global application, in cooperation with other standardizing bodies and regulatory authorities. MSS is an American National Standards Institute (ANSI)-accredited standards developer.

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