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MSS ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT AND OFFICERS

Vienna, VA – The Manufacturers Standardization Society (MSS) is pleased to announce the newly elected MSS President and members of the Society’s 10-member Board of Directors. MSS members in attendance at the 2012 Annual Meeting in Naples, Florida unanimously elected a new President, First Vice President, Treasurer, and a new Board member. The President and Board members serve for terms of three years. The new officers include: Mr. Tom Hannifin (KITZ Corp.), President; Mr. Greg Johnson (United Valve), First Vice President; and Mr. Jim Barker (Dezuirk), Treasurer. Mr. Phil Ellenberger (Bonney Forge) was elected as a new member of the MSS Board.

Please see below for biographical information on the newly elected officials:

Tom Hannafin – MSS President:
Since 1985, Thomas J. (‘Tom’) Hannafin has been associated with KITZ Corporation of America (KCA) in Stafford, Texas. KCA 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 HPI and other related industries. Additionally, over the past twenty plus years, he has been actively involved on task forces in API that develop valve standards used in the Hydrocarbon Processing Industry (HPI); various MSS technical committees, and is a member of the VMA technical committee. Tom has served on the MSS Board of Directors for past ten years, initially as Membership Chairman, then as Treasurer, First Vice-President, and now President.

Greg Johnson – MSS First Vice President:
Greg has been in the valve industry for 34 years. He is the president of United Valve, a 50 year-old valve service company located in Houston, Texas. He has been active in standards development activities for over 20 years. As a 15 year member of MSS, he has worked on several work groups and is the current chairman of Committee 310, “Valve Modification.” He has served in the past as a member of the MSS Coordinating Committee, a member of the MSS Board of Directors, and Treasurer. His 20 years of API activities include being a voting member of the API sub-committee on piping and valves as well as serving as chairman and work group member for many API standards and recommended practices. He has also worked in ISO as a work group member of TC 153, SC1. Activities with the Valve Manufacturers Association include chairman of the Education Committee and vice-chairman of the Communications Committee.

Jim Barker – Treasurer
Jim Barker has 39 years of experience in design, engineering and management in the valve industry. He has been an active member of MSS since 1997 and has served as a Technical Committee Chairman as well as a voting member of numerous MSS committees. He currently serves on the MSS Board of Directors. He is also a voting member on the API technical committees for valves and piping for 31 years, a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for 32 years, and a member of the (VMA) Valve Manufacturers Association Technical Committee for 9 years. Mr. Barker is an inventor on six valve related patents.

Mr. Phil Ellenberger – Board Member
Phil Ellenberger has 53 years of experience in engineering, design and management with 31 of those years in valve, piping and pressure vessel Industry. He has been an active member of MSS since 1992. Mr. Ellenberger has served as Chairman of MSS Coordinating Committee and Chairman of MSS Committee 113 Wrought Welding Fittings. He is currently a member of ASME B31.3, B31.12, B31 MDC, B16 Subcommittee F 6 (Fittings), Vice Chair of B16 Sub Committee C (Flanges), and Convener ISO TC 67 WG 10. Mr. Ellenberger is the author of three books on Pressure Vessels and Piping.

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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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