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STI/SPFA LAUNCHES A NEW WEB SITE

LAKE ZURICH – June 20, 2005 – The Steel Tank Institute and Steel Plate Fabricators Association launched a new web site, combining resources in a streamlined format. “The new web site graphically defines the scope of steel fabrication capabilities within our membership”, said Anne Kiefer, Director of Administration & Member Services, “highlighting our work in technical standards development, safety and quality programs for our fabricators, and education and certification courses for owners and regulators of steel tanks, piping, pressure vessels and specialty fabrications”. A welcome addition to the site is an Events Calendar, including secure online registration for all STI/SPFA seminars and certification courses.

“Tackling the job of converting our steel water pipe standards, technical papers and training materials from hard copy to web documents is a continuing process,” said George Ruchti, Chairman of the Steel Water Pipe Section. “We are presently creating a Webinar on Steel Water Pipe and hope to launch the program later this year”.

“The new web site recognizes the significant achievements of our members in the areas of Quality, Safety and Outstanding Fabrication”, said Ron Ecleberry, President of STI/SPFA. “Our Award Winners highlight the structural strength, durability and compatibility of steel for the widest variety of applications, while protecting our lives and the environment, furthering research, and providing pure drinking water”.

“A Life Cycle Analysis for Water Storage Tanks and a gallery honoring the Century Club Award Winners will soon be added to the site” said Kevin Gallagher, Chairman of the Field Erected Tank Section. “We recognize the Century Club Tanks, which are at least 100 years old and still in active service, for demonstrating the outstanding service life of steel water tanks. Our Life Cycle Analysis will provide tank buyers with real-world statistics, to make a valid comparison of true lifetime costs for water storage tanks”.

The Steel Tank Institute and the Steel Plate Fabrications Association are Divisions of STI/SPFA, an association serving companies in the business of fabricating steel tanks, piping and pressure vessels for use in the petroleum, food, water and chemical processing industries. STI/SPFA provides certification and training courses for steel tank and piping, 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 and electronic photos, contact Anne Kiefer at STI/SPFA, 570 Oakwood Road, Lake Zurich, IL 60047, Phone: 847/438-8265 Fax: 847/438-8766 E-mail: ankiefer@steeltank.com Web: www.steeltank.com.

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