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TST Coatings Becomes Association Member of Valve Manufacturers Association

(Dec. 1, 2015—Washington, D.C.) TST Coatings of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, is the newest associate member of the Valve Manufacturers Association of America (VMA). TST Coatings is a leader in highly engineered and/or high-volume thermal sprayed, laser & PTA coatings, and a significant player in surface engineering. The company provides unique applications and production solutions for its customers, and continuously expands the scope of surface engineering solutions.

The company was incorporated in 1992 as a separate business unit under The Fisher Barton Group. TST and Fisher Barton's original coating work grew out of collaborative graduate work with the University of Wisconsin – Madison. This strong relationship is ongoing as TST and the University continue to collaborate in many areas, ranging from cold spray technology to plasma research.

Founded in 1938, VMA is the association for about 100 North American manufacturers of valves, actuators and controls as well as companies that serve those manufacturers. It is headquartered in Washington, D.C. but has members all over the U.S. and Canada.

Members of the Valve Manufacturers Association account for about 80% of the total amount of valves shipped from U.S. and Canadian facilities. Associate and distributor members supply to those manufacturers and distribute its products all over the world.

The North American valve industry employs about 30,000 men and women. VMA members' products are used in a number of industries including petroleum refining; oil and gas exploration; power generation; distribution and transmission; nuclear power; chemical processing; water/wastewater; commercial construction; mining; and pulp and paper. The association represents its members on Capitol Hill, plans and runs educational and informational meetings, operates a valve education and careers arm, and publishes VALVE Magazine, which is read by over 20,000 users, specifiers, buyers, distributors and manufacturers of industrial valves, actuators and controls. VMA also has a Valve Repair Council that represents qualified repairers and rebuilders of flow-control equipment who repair to OEM specifications.

To learn more about TST Coatings, visit www.TSTCoatings.com. For more information on the Valve Manufacturers Association, go to www.VMA.org.