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at the Council's 2008 annual conference, Sept. 14 -23 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The hearings give all attendees the opportunity to voice their opinions about proposed code changes by fostering full and open participation in the Code Council's governmental process and will result in the 2009 International Codes.

"Participation in the code development process leads to safer construction, saved lives and reduced property losses," said Code Council CEO Rick Weiland. "We look forward to welcoming a strong turnout of first preventers — code officials — along with local government officials, architects, engineers, contractors and other construction industry professionals."

Nearly 30 education sessions will be offered, giving participants the opportunity to earn CEUs and LUs. Topics include hazard response, disaster mitigation, green building and more. Certification testing will be available Sept. 19 - 22 for residential and commercial building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical inspectors and for fire inspectors and fire plan examiners. To pre-register for the exams, visit iccsafe.org/ABM-exams.

The ICC Expo will feature more than 100 exhibitors displaying construction industry-related products and services designed to improve the built environment. A special section of the Expo will be dedicated to plumbing, mechanical and fuel gas products. Exhibitors represent manufacturers, service companies, government agencies and trade associations.

Other featured activities include the Code Council's opening event, hosted by Target Corporation, the annual business meeting, awards luncheon, golf tournament, fun run and the Fifth Annual Bob Fowler Motorcycle Ride.

To register, visit www.iccsafe.org/conference or call 888/422-7233, ext. 4229. To participate as an exhibitor or sponsor, call 888/422-7233, ext. 5264 or visit the International Code Council Web site, www.iccsafe.org/expo.

Briggs celebrates 100-year anniversary

GOOSE CREEK, S.C. — Briggs Industries Inc. is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2008. During this centennial year, Briggs plans to launch several new plumbing fixtures, including the Conserva dual-flush toilet that was released earlier in the year.

"The centennial anniversary is more than an occasion to celebrate the past," remarked Bob Robison, VP sales/marketing for North America. "It's a time to re-energize and strategize how we will continue the Briggs tradition of delivering design, technology and innovation during the next 100 years."

Briggs got its start in 1908 as a carriage/wagon/automobile body manufacturer in Detroit. With Walter Owen Briggs Sr., at the wheel, Briggs Manufacturing grew into one of the nation's largest producers of automobile and truck bodies. In the 1940s, Briggs introduced a line of popular steel plumbing fixtures under the Briggs Beautyware brand, which soon became the company's

Today, Briggs plumbing fixtures are sold throughout North and South America. Purchased by parent company Cer-micas Industriales S.A. (CISA) in 1997, Briggs has since launched the brand in Chile and Venezuela, modernized and improved production capacity in the United States and developed innovative and sleek designer lines.

Additional information can be found at www.briggsindustries.com.

Elkay presents ACE awards

OAK BROOK, ILL. — Elkay's Plumbing Products Division (PPD), which manages the company's manufacturing and marketing of residential and commercial sinks, faucets, water coolers and related accessories, recently hosted its sixth annual ACE (achieving competitive excellence) Awards. This award program recognizes the employees, business functions and business partners of the PPD for their achievements in major initiatives that have yielded quantifiable improvements in the performance of the division and the overall goals of Elkay as a company.



Elkay's Plumbing Products Division (PPD) recently hosted its sixth annual ACE Awards program recognizing the employees, business functions and business partners of the PPD for their achievements. Featured in the photograph is the "KIBIS 2007 New Product Team," recipient of the Gold Award in the Product category. From left to right (top row) Derek Pringle, Kristine Forsythe, Ann Rottinghaus, Laura Gicela, Mike Gicela, Lance Driskill, Mike Placzek (bottom row) Tim Nolan, Pete Wozniczka, Doug Pounders, Mark Hird.

A. O. Smith partners with Habitat for Humanity

ASHLAND CITY, TENN. — As part of an initiative to provide decent and affordable housing for low-income families of the Gulf Coast region and as part of its partnership with Habitat for Humanity, A. O. Smith donated 78 water heaters to the May 11- 16 Gulf Coast project. Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast (HFHMGC) serves Harrison, Jackson and Stone counties. Since Hurricane Katrina in 2005, HFHMGC has completed and started construction on 170 homes. For more information on HFHMGC and how to volunteer or donate, go to

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Industry Movers

A.O. Smith makes key appointments

ASHLAND CITY, TENN. — A. O. Smith Water Products Company has made the following appointments:

- David R. Warren was named vice president — international and a member of the company's leadership team. Warren will have responsibility for Water Products Company's operations in the Netherlands, Canada and all international export business out of North America and Europe. He will also continue with his work on the launch of the company's new water heater business in India.



Warren

- Ton van der Hamsvoort is the general manager of the Veldhoven, the Netherlands, operation.

- David Hammond is the general manager of Canadian water heater operations, headquartered in Fergus, Ontario.

Bell & Gossett names headmaster for Little Red Schoolhouse



Konopacz

MORTON GROVE, ILL. — Larry Konopacz has been appointed manager of training and education at Bell & Gossett's Little Red Schoolhouse in Morton Grove, Illinois. Konopacz brings a wealth of industry experience to his new position, having served in a variety of training, engineering and manufacturing capacities at Bell & Gossett for the past 25 years. He succeeds Roy Ahlgren, who retired in March 2008.

CIPH president and general manager celebrates 20-year anniversary

TORONTO — On June 6, 2008, Ralph Suppa celebrated 20 years of dedicated service to the Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating (CIPH). He began his journey in the plumbing and heating industry in 1988, when he was hired as a recent graduate of York University. Over the years, Ralph has proven his capability and versatility by holding many management positions within CIPH's operations. He accepted the leadership role of president and general manager when his predecessor, Ed Hardison, retired in 2002.

JOSAM announces new hire

PHILADELPHIA — JOSAM Company announced the addition of Jim Bauer to its sales and marketing team in the position of southeast regional manager. Bauer has been in the plumbing industry since 1990 and his most recent employment was at Zurn Industries. Jim Bauer joined JOSAM Company on July 1st, 2008 and will be based out of North Carolina. Visit www.josam.com.

Elkay announces changes to its Plumbing Products Division

OAK BROOK, ILL. — Elkay Manufacturing Company's Plumbing Products Division (PPD) has created three new business units within the organization. Jack Krecek was

promoted to vice president, general manager of the PPD's new commercial business unit and Tom Samanic to vice president, general manager of the new residential trade business unit. Elkay has also promoted Mark Lawson to the position of vice president of engineering and innovation.

Krecek will supervise the water cooler and fountain manufacturing plant in Savanna, Ill., as well as a set of specialized engineers, marketers, global sourcing and new product development resources that focus solely on the development and growth of Elkay's commercial business unit. Samanic will manage the residential trade business unit's team of marketing and engineering resources, as well as oversee their global sourcing and new product development resources. Lawson will lead the engineering team and supervise key personnel in Elkay's innovation, research and development, tooling, equipment and engineering departments.

Industrial Scientific welcomes new director of operations

PITTSBURGH — Industrial Scientific Corp. has hired T.J. Bloom as director of operations for Industrial Scientific Americas. Bloom will have responsibility for manufacturing, manufacturing engineering and supply chain functions within the company. He worked at Eaton Corporation since 1998 and most recently served as operational excellence manager for Eaton's Watertown, Wis., plant.

Leonard Valve names new president



Wilcox

CRANSTON, R.I. — Leonard Valve Company announced the promotion of E. Niles Wilcox to president. Wilcox most recently served as vice president and general manager, concentrating on the manufacturing and production end of Leonard's business. E. Niles Wilcox's brother and outgoing president, Greg Wilcox, will continue to work as a consultant for Leonard.

PDI hires CTO and VP of engineering

RICHMOND, VA. — PDI has hired Tim Cortes as chief technical officer, replacing John Kammeter, who will continue to provide ongoing technical support to PDI in a new role as senior technical consultant. Cortes assumes responsibility for leading the research and product development organizations. He possesses a strong combination of skills in product and process development, technology development and general management.

Rheem adds to management team

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. — The Rheem Replacement Parts Department announced two additions to its management team. Sam Heath has been named Water Heating Parts manager. Heath will manage product availability, help define product vision and provide support in following strategy. Jeremy Laymon joins the Replacement Parts department as the HVAC Southwestern district parts manager and is responsible for providing support to his division and serving as a conduit between distributors and the department.