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IMPROVED GAS PIPE PROJECT HONORED BY PPI

*Trade Group Recognizes Efforts to Develop
PE 2708 Bimodal Gas Pipe Resin*

IRVING, Texas - A team effort of material development and manufacturing earned Dow Chemical Company and PolyPipe®, Inc. top honors by the industry. The project to bring to market a high-performance resin and pipe was recognized by the Plastics Pipe Institute, Inc. (PPI) as the Project of the Year for the non-profit industry group's Fuel Gas Division. The new resin grade known as PE2708 is a medium density, high performance material that provides increased rapid crack propagation (RCP) resistance which increases the integrity of the pipeline.

"Our two members got together to develop a product that has outstanding strength and durability," stated Tony Radoszewski, executive director of the PPI. "This is a benchmark of the type of cooperation that the PPI fosters to benefit the industry at large, and we are proud to recognize this achievement."

Radoszewski explained the background that prompted the effort. "The trend in the industry is to use larger diameter gas pipe or to use higher operating pressures, or both. The plastics pipe industry has responded to this by offering new bimodal technology such as PE2708 that has improved the performance of PE gas piping materials in almost all areas. With the improvement this new grade brings, gas utilities can use PE gas pipe for larger diameter lines and in systems with high operating pressures."

The award was presented to PPI members, Dow Chemical (Midland, Mich.), who developed the resin and PolyPipe, Inc. (Gainesville, Texas), the pipe manufacturer, during the PPI's annual meeting earlier this year. Founded in 1950, the Plastics Pipe Institute, Inc. is the major trade association representing all segments of the plastic piping industry.

Additional information can be found on the PPI website: www.plasticpipe.org.

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About PPI:

The Plastics Pipe Institute Inc. (PPI) is the major trade association representing all segments of the plastic pipe industry and is dedicated to promoting plastics as the material of choice for pipe applications. PPI is the premier technical, engineering and industry knowledge resource publishing data for use in development and design of plastic pipe systems. Additionally, PPI collaborates with industry organizations that set standards for manufacturing practices and installation methods.