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Spectrum Metal Finishing joins PPG certified applicator program

PITTSBURGH, Mar. 23, 2009 – PPG Industries' (NYSE:PPG) industrial coatings business announced that Spectrum Metal Finishing, Inc., Youngstown, Ohio, has been accredited to participate in the *PPG CAP Certified Applicator Program*.

Spectrum Metal Finishing joins an elite group of commercial coating applicators certified by PPG to apply high-performance fluoropolymer coatings to aluminum architectural components.

PPG CAP program applicators undergo a rigorous auditing process that encompasses all aspects of the coating process, from cleaning and pretreating the metal substrate to actually applying the coating. The audit also contains a continuous training and education component and specifies paint application parameters and cure schedules, as well as how finished products should be handled, packed and shipped.

The *PPG CAP* program enhances the ability of coatings applicators to meet building industry demands for value-added products and solutions. It offers architects, general contractors, glazing contractors and other customers the highest levels of quality, reliability and performance. *PPG CAP* members also have the exclusive ability to purchase and apply *Duranar* powder coatings for their customers.

Working with a PPG-certified applicator ensures the enhanced color harmony of coated aluminum architectural components on a building. The *PPG CAP* program establishes protocols to help minimize color variance across coated aluminum building components, such as:

- a digital global database of colors that are stored numerically,
- mandated use of common software and hardware to measure color reproduction and uniformity,
- a uniform, systems-oriented approach to matching colors and making paint, and
- PPG's color and coatings knowledge, experience and resources, especially regarding metallic color production.

PPG-certified applicators provide regional sourcing of aluminum-coated components, well-trained people, fast-track service to meet tight construction deadlines and state-of-the-art technology through well-managed certified application centers. Their customers also benefit from a seacoast warranty covering *Duranar*, *Duranar Sunstorm*, *Duranar XL* and *Duranar XLBC* spray coatings that were factory-applied in normal and industrial environments. To learn more about the *PPG CAP Certified Applicator Program*, visit www.ppgideascales.com or call 1-888-PPG-IDEA.

About Spectrum Metal Finishing

Founded in 1993, Spectrum Metal Finishing is a leading manufacturer of coated panels for the commercial building markets. The company ships products throughout the United States, Eastern Canada, the Pacific Rim and the Caribbean.

About PPG

Pittsburgh-based PPG is a global supplier of paints, coatings, optical products, specialty materials, chemicals, glass and fiber glass. The company has more than 140 manufacturing facilities and equity affiliates and operates in more than 60 countries. Sales in 2008 were \$15.8 billion. PPG shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange (symbol: PPG). For more information, visit www.ppg.com.

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