

## News Release

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### McElroy Introduces MegaMc® Pipe Stands

*Two new models boost productivity on 8- to 65-inch (225mm - 1,600mm) job sites*

**TULSA, Okla. (March 1, 2010)** – Most pipelining job sites require a mix of heavy machinery to maneuver pipes into place. McElroy's new MegaMc® Pipe Stands are self-contained, gasoline-powered pipe stands that alleviate a piece of heavy machinery to hold the pipe in place.

Two models are available. A large 36- to 65-inch (900 - 1,600mm) model accommodates pipes up to 16,000 lbs. (7,257 Kg), while a smaller 8- to 36-inch (225 - 900mm) model handles pipe up to 9,000 lbs. (4,082 Kg).

Besides the productivity gained from allowing heavy machinery to be used elsewhere on the site, the MegaMc Pipe Stands offer 24 inches of lateral movement, as well as 34 inches of vertical adjustability. This freedom of movement allows the operator to maneuver the stick of pipe to the height of a thermoplastic pipe fusion machine.

“We believe the MegaMc Pipe Stands will offer great benefits on medium and large diameter pipe fusion job sites,” said Chip McElroy, president and chief executive officer of McElroy. “The new pipe stands represent our dedication to creating modular productivity equipment that helps contractors do more with less.”

The MegaMc Pipe Stands are gasoline-powered but won't churn through gas. In fact, the units are designed to hold a set height after the operator turns the hydraulic power unit off. Since the unit is self-contained, no hydraulic hoses will be running across the ground of the job site. Rugged rollers with low-friction pillow block bearings allow the pipe to move easily. Even with a wide stable base, the pipe stands can be stacked for storage or shipping and are moveable with a forklift or crane.

For more information, visit the McElroy website at [www.mcelroy.com](http://www.mcelroy.com).



*The MegaMc Pipe Stands were recently used on a job in Oregon where workers claimed saving 30 minutes per fusion joint.*

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### **100-Word Description for Product Spotlights/Reviews**

The McElroy MegaMc® Pipe Stands are self-contained, gasoline-powered pipe stands designed to alleviate the use of heavy machinery on a job site. After the thermoplastic pipe is in place on the pipe stand, the hydraulic power unit can move the pipe up to 24 inches laterally and 34 inches vertically to help align the pipe with a fusion machine. The MegaMc Pipe Stands offer rugged rollers that allow the pipe to move easily and a wide base for stability. The pipe stands can be stacked for easy storage or shipping.

For more information or to find a distributor, visit [www.mcelroy.com](http://www.mcelroy.com).

### **About Pipe Fusion:**

Pipe fusion is a widely accepted process that joins two pieces of thermoplastic pipe together with heat and pressure. Commonly associated with high-density polyethylene pipe (HDPE), the butt fusion process starts by “facing” or shaving the pipe ends simultaneously so that they can be joined together with heat to create a continuous, sealed pipeline. The welding of the pipes is accomplished by using a hot plate in contact with the pipe ends, which heats the plastic to a molten state. Then, after its removal, the ends are pressed together under a controlled force to form a weld that is stronger than the pipe itself. Third-party industry research indicates that HDPE pipe and joints can have a lifespan of more than 100 years.

### **About McElroy Manufacturing, Inc.:**

Founded in 1954, McElroy Manufacturing has grown from a two-person start-up in an Oklahoma garage, to the industry leader in the science of joining thermoplastic pipe. The name McElroy is recognized worldwide as the most reliable, efficient, rugged and technically advanced fusion equipment in the world. McElroy holds dozens of U.S. and foreign patents on fusion-related equipment. The company credits its marketplace leadership to an unyielding focus toward excellence. For additional information, please visit the McElroy website at [www.mcelroy.com](http://www.mcelroy.com).

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