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McElroy University Offers New Productivity Course

TULSA, Okla. (March 30, 2010) – McElroy University, the training division of McElroy, recently announced the addition of a productivity-focused class to the 2010 class schedule. The inaugural class will take place May 17, 2010. Registration is currently open for the class.

For more than 30 years, McElroy has been the only pipe fusion machine manufacturer to continuously offer advanced training to enhance fusion technicians' efficiency, productivity and safety in the proper use of machines and standards. McElroy University currently offers 23 classes per year at McElroy's technical center in Tulsa, Okla. McElroy University also conducts training in the field at various locations throughout the world.

The classes cover topics from operation, troubleshooting and rebuilding fusion machines, ranging from small to large diameter pipes and fusion machines. With the addition of the new Fusion Productivity and Project Management class, McElroy University will offer a total of 10 different courses to the public. Classes usually occur over the course of a few days.

The new Fusion Productivity and Project Management course covers planning fusion projects. Topics include what equipment would work best in certain situations,



Students participate in hands-on learning during a recent McElroy University small-diameter operations class.

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setting up job sites for optimal productivity and integrating productivity-enhancing tools into a job site plan. As with all McElroy University classes, the majority of the training is hands on, with a small portion occurring in the classroom.

“This new productivity class was created in response to many of our end users, who are seeking to do more with less,” said Larry Gordon, manager of training at McElroy. “If we can teach more fusion technicians the best way to set up their job site, and work efficiently within that job site, it’s going to be much better for pipe fusion. The process is already fast, and with our techniques, contractors can definitely meet and beat more deadlines.”

The class parallels McElroy’s growing productivity tool line. The line of products, which includes the PolyHorse, PolyPorter, MegaMc Pipe Stands and much more, continues to grow each year. The company usually designs and builds productivity tools out of demand from customers’ needs.

For more information, visit the McElroy website at www.mcelroy.com.

100-Word Description for Product Spotlights/Reviews

The new Wired DataLogger® from McElroy offers contractors, supervisors and pipeliners the ability to record and document the pipe fusion process. Built for fusion sites that require up to 4,000 psi, the Wired DataLogger does not use Bluetooth® communications like its Wireless predecessor. The lack of Bluetooth is actually a bonus, allowing some job sites with restrictions on wireless communications to have a new solution. All DataLoggers are built rugged, and offer a familiar Microsoft® Windows® user interface and the ability to transfer data to a desktop computer through a USB port and Microsoft® ActiveSync®.

For more information or to find a distributor, visit 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

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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.

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