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### **IAPMO, ABRINSTAL Sign Letter of Intent to Partner in Brazil**

**Ontario, Calif. (April 25, 2011)** — The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) and the Associação Brasileira pela Conformidade e Eficiência de Instalações (ABRINSTAL) have signed a Letter of Intent to jointly enhance support for the needs of the Brazilian installation industry and aid in the development of Brazil's national standards for health, safety and the environment.

During an April 21 ceremony facilitated by IAPMO Senior Director of Field Operations Dwight Perkins at The IAPMO Group's World Headquarters West building in Ontario, Calif., ABRINSTAL President José Jorge Chaguri and The IAPMO Group CEO GP Russ Chaney signed the Letter of Intent pledging collaboration between the two associations to achieve the following goals:

- Explore the creation of the Brazilian Plumbing Code and Mechanical Codes
- Create training and certification programs to assist in the adoption and application of the Brazilian Plumbing and Mechanical Codes
- Explore the acceptance of IAPMO Research and Testing and IAPMO Evaluation Services as the third-party certifying bodies for products and components specifically for Brazil
- Consider additional IAPMO publications and products, such as the *Uniform Solar Energy Code*<sup>®</sup>, *Uniform Swimming Pool Spa and Hot Tub Code*<sup>®</sup> and the *Green Plumbers* program that could benefit Brazil

"The IAPMO Group is excited to begin this promising new collaboration with ABRINSTAL and extend IAPMO's commitment to safe, healthy plumbing and mechanical systems to the people of Brazil and the South American continent," Chaney said. "I have no doubt that IAPMO and ABRINSTAL will be powerful allies in the advancement of safe, sustainable building practices and we welcome the opportunity to work together."

Founded in Los Angeles in 1926, IAPMO has grown to be recognized the world over for its *Uniform Codes*. With offices in 11 states and seven countries, IAPMO has assisted with code development in such diverse places as Saudi Arabia, China, India, Jordan, Egypt, Israel, Vietnam, Indonesia, Philippines, Venezuela, Colombia, and the United Arab Emirates.

ABRINSTAL works to meet the challenges in creating a sustainable building infrastructure that fosters wellbeing and safety for the consumer and society, observing the precepts of ethics and meeting technical regulations.

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