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**GreenPlumbers USA's Megan Lehtonen
Joins IAPMO as Director of Program Development**

Ontario, Calif. (July 6, 2010) – Megan Lehtonen has vacated her position as president of GreenPlumbers USA and today joins the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) as the association's new Director of Program Development.

In her new role, Lehtonen will devote her undivided attention to the work she began in June 2009 as part of a Memorandum of Understanding between IAPMO and GreenPlumbers USA establishing GreenPlumbers India, an innovative national training and accreditation program designed to assist Indian plumbing contractors/engineers in understanding their role in environmental conservation and public health. She will also work closely with IAPMO Senior Director of Business and Product Development Allen Inlow in the creation and fostering of GreenPlumbers China.

These two international GreenPlumbers programs will train and deploy a green army of thousands of plumbing engineers/contractors to promote the benefits of water conservation and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, ultimately seeking a cultural change in consumer and plumbing behavior through the use of energy efficiency and water saving technologies.

Founded in 1999 by Lehtonen and her father, Steve Lehtonen, GreenPlumbers USA works with government jurisdictions, utilities and water agencies to present training workshops promoting the best sustainable practices in the plumbing industry. Training consists of a five-part accreditation in environmental and technical issues including Climate Care, Caring For Our Water, Solar Hot Water, Water Efficient Technologies and Inspection Report Service.

Through the collaboration, GreenPlumbers USA has adapted its training/accreditation modules to follow provisions as outlined by the 2009 editions of IAPMO's *Uniform Plumbing Code*, *Uniform Mechanical Code*, *Uniform Swimming Pool, Spa and Hot Tub Code*, *Uniform Solar Energy Code* and the *2010 IAPMO Green Plumbing and Mechanical Code Supplement*.

"The principles and practices forwarded by Megan Lehtonen and GreenPlumbers USA when combined with IAPMO's considerable international experience create a uniquely powerful synergy that will benefit both professionals and everyday citizens all over the world in a manner we can only begin to grasp," said Russ Chaney, IAPMO executive director.

IAPMO and GreenPlumbers USA are also developing a Green Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector Certification Program derived from the Uniform Codes and the GreenPlumbers curriculum. GreenPlumbers has provided IAPMO with an exclusive Conservation/Foundation Partnership with regard to GreenPlumbers training and accreditation modules and programs.

As president, Lehtonen supervised GreenPlumbers USA's operations and directed the licensing and install programs of the company. She is a graduate of Cal Poly University, San Luis Obispo.

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