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IAPMO India Introduces First *Uniform Mechanical Code* for India

Bangalore, India (March 26, 2012) – IAPMO India has released the 2012 *Uniform Mechanical Code India (UMC-I)*, the first and most comprehensive document created to standardize safe and sustainable residential and commercial mechanical systems in India. The introduction was made during ACREX India 2012, South Asia's premier event for the mechanical HVAC-R industry and its associated trades.

The 2012 *UMC-I* is a revolutionary and powerful tool now at the disposal of those who design, engineer, manufacturer, install, operate and maintain heating ventilation and air conditioning systems, incinerators, and other heat-producing appliances for and within the Indian market.

Jointly developed by IAPMO India and members of the Indian mechanical industry fraternity over a full year, the *UMC-I* is designed to provide a lucid, comprehensive technical reference on behalf of India's citizens. The nation's construction industry has achieved major technological advances in recent years and thus requires its mechanical industry to be able to keep pace with modern mechanical refrigeration, heating, ventilating and air conditioning technology. To that end, the codes, standards and practices employed required improvements if they were to be comparable to international standards. The *UMC-I* puts the Indian mechanical industry on par with the global community.

"IAPMO India has enjoyed the great fortune of being associated with many like minded professionals, societies and organizations throughout India toward the development of the *Uniform Mechanical Code India*, an invaluable combination of our globally gathered expertise and intimate knowledge from India's best and most seasoned mechanical and HVAC-R professionals," said Megan Lehtonen, director of Business Development for IAPMO India. "This fruitful relationship has gone a long way in furthering the sharing of knowledge to create better standards and professionals who will ultimately work for the benefit of Indian society."

Using a protocol modeled after the ANSI-accredited consensus process used by IAPMO in the development of the American National Standard designated *Uniform Mechanical Code® (UMC)*, the *UMC-I* brought together volunteers representing varied viewpoints and expertise to achieve consensus on mechanical issues specifically pertaining to India. Their collective intent is to incorporate and implement the latest technology and systems for the protection of public health and safety, promote efficiency and bring uniformity to the installation and maintenance of these systems.

"It is gratifying that IAPMO is continuing to develop for India codes and standards at par with the most recent codes adopted worldwide," said Indian Green Building Council Chairman Dr. Prem C. Jain. "We earlier had from IAPMO the *Uniform Plumbing Code India*, which has already gone thru the first revision and is extensively used by the plumbing fraternity. I am delighted that we now have the *Uniform Mechanical Code India*, prepared by IAPMO with the help of Indian mechanical industry leaders. I am sure our mechanical fraternity in the country will find it an excellent reference for their works."

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ISHRAE founder and director of Airtron Consulting Engineers Pvt. Ltd. R V Simha said: “The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials has taken the lead and come forward with a *Uniform Mechanical Code* for the entire country that covers the many disciplines and processes in mechanical work — air conditioning, refrigeration, ventilation systems, exhaust systems, plumbing, boilers, furnaces, solar energy, etc. That there should be uniformity amongst professionals in field practices — wherever there is no need for differences — should be obvious to one and all.

I therefore urge the industrial community to look on the *UMC-I* as its own and implement it earnestly to achieve ever-raising levels of quality of work, and also improve the safety standards in the field. Coming into birth of this code is indeed a landmark. I congratulate IAPMO and IAPMO India for this great effort.”

Lt. Gen. S P Sree Kumar, director general of IAPMO India, called it an “historical day for India” and said: “Codes and standards form part of the mandatory requirement in building design to bring back Mother Earth from the ill effects of Global Warming, Climate Change and Carbon Emission to contribute to conservation of natural resources like water and energy. I am delighted to be part of the *Uniform Mechanical Code India*.”

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