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**Subcommittee to Hold First Meeting Toward
Potential Development of Heat Metering Standard**

W. Conshohocken, Pa. (March 27, 2012) — A subcommittee of ASTM International Committee E44 on Solar, Geothermal and other Alternative Energy Sources, in conjunction with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and IAPMO, will meet July 11-12, 2012, at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis to discuss the need, application and use of a heat meter standard within the U.S. market. The meeting will be held in conjunction with SEMICON West and Intersolar North America.

ASTM International and IAPMO last year signed a memorandum of understanding on to establish a framework of cooperation for the development of ASTM standards for heat metering. The MOU was, in part, the result of a meeting hosted by the EPA in October 2011 to facilitate industry discussion on the subject. On Jan. 20, the EPA officially delegated and presented the newly forged partnership of ASTM and IAPMO with the heat metering standard framework.

According to the terms of the MOU, ASTM will serve as the standards developing organization for the activity on heat metering. IAPMO will participate within the ASTM process and provide technical expertise. Upon completion, ASTM will publish the portfolio of heat metering standards as a compilation.

Heat meters measure the heat quantity that is absorbed or given up by a heat conveying liquid across a heat exchange circuit. Standardization of metering instrumentation would enhance the energy, financial and environmental benefits generated from thermal energy sources and technologies.

To register or find out more information, go to www.astm.org/meetings or contact Christine DeJong, staff manager for E44, at cdejong@astm.org or (610) 832-9736.

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