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IAPMO, Indonesian Delegation Collaborate to Bring *Uniform Plumbing Code*® to Indonesia

Ontario, Calif. (Sept. 24, 2012) – Senior IAPMO officials met recently with an Indonesian delegation of government and standards/accreditation body officials as part of a joint effort to ensure the continued implementation of the *Uniform Plumbing Code*® of Indonesia (*UPC-ID*), with the goal of protecting the public health and safety of the nation's citizens.

The delegation consisted of Mr. T.A.R. Hanafiah, deputy for Research and Standardization Cooperation for the National Standardization Agency of Indonesia (BSN); Ms. Erniningsih Haryadi, head of BSN's Center of Cooperation on Standardization; Ms. Rifani Erni, commissioner of the National Consumer Protection Agency for the Republic of Indonesia; Mr. Pardino, secretary of the Research and Development Agency for the Ministry of Public Works; and Mr. Kukuh S. Achmad, director of BSN's Standard Application System.

IAPMO and the Indonesian government have a history that dates back almost 20 years. This latest agreement follows two earlier Memoranda of Understanding with a definitive timeframe of having the *UPC-ID* completed in 2013, with implementation to follow. Prompt implementation of the *UPC-ID* will assist in the protection of Indonesian citizens through the safe delivery of water through properly installed and certified products.

As deputy for BSN, Mr. Hanafiah agreed, emphasizing that implementing the *UPC-ID* and additional services provided by IAPMO is critical for the protection of Indonesian citizens. Mr. Kukuh S. Achmad, director of BSN's Standard Application System, and Pardino, secretary of the Research and Development Agency for the Indonesian Ministry of Public Works, further emphasized that the time is right to move forward with a plan to create standards and regulations in the plumbing industry by implementing the *UPC*® in Indonesia.

Megan Lehtonen, director of Business Development for IAPMO, said senior IAPMO officials will travel to IAPMO's office in Jakarta in the next few months to continue discussions with senior government officials to fast track the agreed-upon target goals and to ensure implementation of the *UPC*® in Indonesia – which includes the adoption of standards, testing, personnel and product certification and inspections – throughout Indonesia to deliver IAPMO's globally recognized protection services.

"IAPMO and its team are ready to move forward with the plan to expand plumbing standards and regulations in Indonesia," said IAPMO CEO GP Russ Chaney. Chaney also serves as the chairman of the World Plumbing Council, an organization whose mission is to promote the role of plumbing in improving public health and safeguarding the environment by uniting the world plumbing industry for the benefit of all.

Erni, past directorate general of the Indonesian Ministry of Industry, agreed, adding that adopting the *UPC*® in Indonesia will improve the quality and safety level of products sold through standardization, thereby protecting the nation's overall public health and safety.

Founded in Los Angeles in 1926, IAPMO has grown to be recognized the world over for its *Uniform Codes*. With offices in 12 U.S. states and 13 countries, IAPMO has assisted with code development all over the world, and provisions from its *Uniform Plumbing Code*® protect more than half the world's population. For more information, visit www.iapmo.org.

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