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IAPMO India Introduces First *Uniform Solar Energy Code* for India

Bangalore, India (July 20, 2012) – IAPMO India has released the 2012 *Uniform Solar Energy Code India (USEC-I)*, a comprehensive and revolutionary document intended to both standardize safe and sustainable residential and commercial solar energy and water heating systems and ignite a renaissance for solar technologies in the rapidly developing nation.

The introduction was made during the 16th Indian Plumbing Conference in Kochi, India, jointly organized earlier this month by the Indian Plumbing Association (IPA) and Akar InfoMedia Pvt. Ltd. (AIM).

The 2012 *USEC-I* places a powerful tool in the hands of those who design, engineer, manufacturer, install, operate and maintain solar energy and heating systems and their components within India.

Jointly developed by IAPMO India and the IPA, the *USEC-I* is designed as a scientifically sound model code that supports, via performance standards, renewable energy sources in the form of passive and active solar energy as potential alternatives to fossil fuels while still allowing latitude for innovation and new technologies. Solar power has emerged as one of the most rapidly growing renewable sources for thermal energy, photovoltaic power and concentrating power.

“As one of the fastest growing economies of the world, involved in numerous development projects across the country, India has been in constant search of alternative sources of affordable energy,” said IPA President Sudhakaran Nair. “The *USEC-I* will prove to be a handy guide to those working toward this endeavor.

“On behalf of all of us in the Indian plumbing industry, I sincerely thank our esteemed colleagues at IAPMO for their unstinted support to us in our efforts.”

The *USEC-I* is the only code document of its kind in India. It is based on IAPMO’s *Uniform Solar Energy Code*, originally published in 1976 and now designated as an American National Standard by the American National Standard Institute (ANSI).

“God’s own country witnessed an historic moment at Kochi during the inaugural session of the 16th Indian Plumbing Conference when the 2012 *Uniform Solar Energy Code India* was release,” said Sree Kumar, director general of IAPMO India. “This outstanding, significant document, evolved with the dedicated efforts of the IPA and IAPMO, will be, I am sure, greatly beneficial to India and our society for good health, keeping in line with our mission of ‘Global Health.’ ”

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