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IAPMO, PICAC Partner to Establish World-Class Research and Development Centre in Australia

Melbourne, Australia (May 27, 2014) — The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO®) and the Plumbing Industry Climate Action Centre (PICAC) have announced a partnership that supports PICAC facility expansion through the establishment of The IAPMO Centre for Research Development, a world-class research and development center in Melbourne, Australia.

IAPMO and PICAC have worked in parallel toward advancement of the plumbing industry for years and this partnership consolidates many of those efforts and gives both organizations access to world-class resources and professional expertise.

Australia sits at the gateway of the Asian Pacific community, an economic centre expected to experience major growth through trade and innovation over the next 15 years. The Asia Pacific middle class is anticipated to expand from 300,000 to 3.3 million by 2030 and Indonesia's GDP will surpass that of Germany within 10 years.

"I'm absolutely thrilled that IAPMO and PICAC are able to forge such a meaningful partnership, with significant long-term positive benefits for the industry through the ongoing development of this technology park," IAPMO CEO GP Russ Chaney said. "IAPMO continues to dedicate resources to ensure our industry remains on the leading edge of the remarkable growth occurring throughout the Asian-Pacific region."

Being right on the developing edge for new materials, technologies and process will not only expose the Australian Plumbing Industry to future trends and innovation sooner, it will more importantly ensure the ongoing development of contemporary skills and competency.

"Because of its sheer size and exposure to the very exacting requirements of the nuclear energy, military and semiconductor industries, the USA has developing technologies not seen in Australia," said Shayne La Combre, CEO of PICAC. "The IAPMO and PICAC Partnership will contribute to the continuing globalization of Australia's plumbing workforce and industry. We will continue to work together for all of our stakeholders to grow a Global Plumbing Industry with endless opportunities."

PICAC is a unique industry led training facility in Brunswick, Melbourne. The Centre is a 5 Star Green Star rated building and is a working example of innovative design and sustainable plumbing. PICAC's facilities are pre-eminent amongst training providers and include the Fire Protection Centre of Excellence, the Occupational Health and Safety Centre of Excellence, a demonstration Green Plumbing House, world class reticulated water systems and the newest technology in water and energy efficiency. By showcasing the world's very best leading edge technology, PICAC are training the plumbers of tomorrow, today. Learn more about PICAC at www.picac.vic.edu.au.

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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