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Charlotte Pipe Introduces New CTS CPVC FlowGuard Gold Low Lead Brass Fittings

CHARLOTTE, NC – December 8, 2009 – Charlotte Pipe and Foundry has expanded its product offering to include a new line of lower-lead content fittings, including CTS FlowGuard Gold CPVC Brass Drop Ear Elbows and CTS FlowGuard Gold CPVC Brass Male and Female Adapters.

These new products meet the low lead requirements of the recently approved laws in California and Vermont, which reduces the allowable amount of lead to a maximum of 0.25 percent. The products have been tested and listed under Annex G of NSF 61.

Low lead products are marked with LL. Transition fittings have CP-LL roll stamped on them, while Drop Ear Elbows have CP on one side and LL on the other side. Also, packaging will have green stickers on the bags marked LL. Box labels will have a green rectangle containing the part number of the fittings.

As a result of these new laws, beginning January 1, 2010 Charlotte Pipe will be unable to sell standard products in California and Vermont. Also starting January 1, 2010, no product returns for any standard fittings can be accepted. This includes all ½", ¾" and 1" series CTS 2101B, CTS 2103B, CTS 2109B, CTS 2112B and CTS 2302 parts.

Charlotte Pipe and Foundry is the only manufacturer that offers a *system* of ABS, PVC, CPVC, cast iron, FlowGuard Gold®, and ChemDrain® pipe and fittings for residential and commercial plumbing systems and industrial applications. The nation's leading maker of cast iron and plastic pipe and fittings, Charlotte Pipe and Foundry offers the industry's broadest product offering of standard and specialty DWV products.

Charlotte Pipe and Foundry is headquartered in Charlotte, NC, and has seven plant locations across the United States. Combining modern technology with a century of craftsmanship and experience, Charlotte Pipe and Foundry has a proud legacy of commitment to the industry and its customers. The company is guided by the philosophy of its founder - produce the best product possible and provide the best service for the customer.

For more information, contact Charlotte Pipe and Foundry at 800-438-6091.

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