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Fairmont Supply Company acquires Piping and Equipment, Inc.

CANONSBURG, PA (July 3, 2007) Fairmont Supply Company, recognized nationally as a leader in materials management strategies and maintenance, repair and operating (MRO) supplies, has announced that it has acquired Florida based ***Piping and Equipment Inc.***, through a stock purchase agreement completed on Monday July 2, 2007.

Piping and Equipment Inc. is a pipe, valve and fittings supplier with 8 locations based in Florida, Alabama, Louisiana and Texas. As a wholly owned subsidiary of Fairmont Supply Company, Piping and Equipment Inc. will continue to operate under their current name.

The president of Fairmont Supply Company, Rich Layton, stated, “This acquisition supports our long term business plan to strategically grow within key markets throughout the United States. Piping & Equipment, Inc. has provided their customers with an excellent product offering and a high level of service from an experienced sales group. We look forward to combining our efforts to develop additional business in this market.” Fairmont Supply Company and Piping and Equipment, Inc. are proud members of Affiliated Distributors marketing network.

Founded in 1921, Fairmont Supply Company is one of the largest full-line distributors of industrial maintenance, repair and operating supplies in the United States, with the headquarters located in the Southpointe Business Complex, Canonsburg, PA. Fairmont Supply Company currently operates fifteen (15) service center facilities and nine (9) on-site stores management locations across the United States and serves customers in the mining, steel, industrial, aluminum, gas, utilities, paper, glass, plastic, chemical, and automotive industries.

Fairmont Supply Company offers more than 100,000 products from over 500 manufacturers. Major product areas include mining, safety, hose products, conveyor and material handling, bearings and power transmission, electrical, pipe, valves, and fittings, as well as a wide variety of general line industrial supply products. More information can be found at www.fairmontsupply.com

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