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### **Taylor-Wharton International, LLC Strengthens Commitment to Customers with New Management and Realignment**

**MECHANICSBURG, PA** – November 18, 2009 - Taylor-Wharton International, LLC (“TWI” or the “Company”), the world’s leading technology, service and manufacturing network for gas applications involving pressure vessels and precision valves, announced additions to its management team. These changes, along with a realignment of other internal resources, will better position TWI to meet today’s economic and business challenges.

The Board of Directors has appointed Len York as Chief Financial Officer. In addition to Mr. York, the company has added Terry Ross as new Division President for American Welding and Tank, Joe Sorce as Vice President of Strategic Development and Suzanne Rosenthal as Vice President of Human Resources.

The management changes are part of TWI’s plan to strengthen its commitment to excellence, especially with respect to serving its domestic and international customers. Under its plan, TWI will realign its internal reporting structure along its three operating divisions. The division presidents will have total responsibility for leading their respective businesses and achieving the performance goals of the company. All employees in each division will report through a chain of command that leads directly to the division president. The new reporting structure allows for greater individual responsibility and focus on customer service throughout every level of the Company.

Announcing the management team additions, Taylor-Wharton International CEO Bill Corbin said, “We are extremely fortunate to add these talented individuals to TWI in these challenging times. Partnering with our existing team, they will accelerate our structural realignment to more quickly deliver world class service and products to our customers.”

Len York brings 30 years of experience as a CEO, CFO and CRO across multiple industries. With an extensive background in manufacturing turnaround assignments, Len is a hands-on leader who is expected to be very visible across TWI’s global footprint. Prior to joining TWI, he was founder and Managing Director of York+Company, which specializes in the management of underperforming companies. Len holds a BS in Accounting from the University of Alabama and completed post-graduate training at the University of Michigan. He has held directorships in both non-profit and for-profit ventures.

Terry Ross, the new Division President of American Welding and Tank, was most recently President of Crane Energy Flow Solutions, a global manufacturer of valves for the energy and power industries. After serving as a manufacturing leader at General Electric, Terry developed his strategic and commercial leadership skills at Danaher Corporation. Terry holds a M.E. degree from West Virginia University and an MBA from Harvard Business School, where he was a George F. Baker Scholar.

Joe Sorce, Vice President of Strategic Development, brings a diverse background from a career that has been characterized by cross-disciplinary assignments with extensive work in strategy, finance and



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marketing. Joe's prior experiences have included investment banking at Bear Stearns, credit research at Fitch Ratings as well as industry experience in treasury at Star Gas Partners and as Vice President of Marketing at Titan Energy Partners. Joe holds a BA in Economics and Political Science from Yale University and an MBA in marketing from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management, Northwestern University.

Suzanne Rosenthal, Vice President of Human Resources, has extensive experience in managing HR functions for large diversified companies in the energy sector. Her most recent assignment was at Energy Transfer Partners, the third-largest publicly traded energy partnership in the U.S. In addition to her past human resources expertise, Suzanne has been a key contributor in driving organizational change and managing a performance based culture. Suzanne has a BS from the University of Nebraska, and a MS in Human Resources Management from Barry University.

## **About Taylor-Wharton International, LLC**

Taylor-Wharton International, LLC is the world's leading technology, service and manufacturing network for gas applications involving pressure vessels and precision valves. Taylor-Wharton International operates three complementary businesses from 16 manufacturing, sales, warehouse and service facilities in six countries on four continents, and markets its products in over 80 countries worldwide. Additional information about Taylor-Wharton International can be located at [www.TWIGlobaltech.com](http://www.TWIGlobaltech.com), [www.taylorwharton.com](http://www.taylorwharton.com); [www.awtank.com](http://www.awtank.com); and [www.sherwoodvalve.com](http://www.sherwoodvalve.com).

