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NEW TECHNICAL DIRECTOR
ANNOUNCED FOR
PLASTICS PIPE INSTITUTE

IRVING, Texas – Sept. 17, 2019 - The Plastics Pipe Institute, Inc. (PPI) today announced that Patrick Vibien, P.Eng., has been appointed technical director of the association. Concurrent with this role, Vibien will also assume the position of director of engineering for the Power and Communications Division (PCD) and director of education. He comes to PPI from the JANA Corporation, a leading technical solutions provider for the plastic pipe industry. PPI is the leading North American trade association representing all segments of the plastic pipe industry.

“Patrick will oversee three distinct areas for our association,” explained Peter Zut of KraussMaffei, chairman of the PPI board of directors. “As Technical Director for PPI, he will be our spokesperson on technical matters relating to materials, will serve as the head of the US Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to ISO TC 138 and will be the liaison with industry organizations such as ISO TC 138, the PE100+ Association, ASTM F17, CSA B137 plus other organizations focused on plastic pipe systems.

“As Director of Engineering for the Power and Communications Division, Patrick will be the PPI spokesperson for the division with various industry organizations, standard and code bodies, plus other forums. He will manage the division’s projects, including engineering, marketing, communications, training, statistics, accounting, membership along with the division’s consultants and staff. PCD focuses on the use of high-density polyethylene (HDPE)

conduit in power, telecommunications, CATV, SCDA, FTTH, ITS, highway lighting and other underground and above ground applications.

“Being Director of Education, he’ll support and direct efforts created by the PPI Education Committee whose purpose is to develop platforms that increase awareness of plastic pipe, its applications and promote proper engineering design and installation in the areas it is used.”

Vibien takes over the position of Technical Director from Sarah Patterson, who will now focus all of her attention as chairman of the PPI’s Hydrostatic Stress Board (PPI HSB). Furthermore, he will take over the PCD and education responsibilities from Lance MacNevin, P.Eng., who will continue as director of engineering for PPI’s Building and Construction Division (BCD).

“We needed to add Patrick because of the growth Sarah and Lance have created in the PPI HSB, BCD and PCD divisions,” Zut stated. “Our association is a strong voice of the industry known for technical expertise, marketing and research programs, and advocacy at the state and federal levels. We know Patrick will enable PPI to continue those successes and more.”

For additional information, go to the Plastics Pipe Institute’s website at:
www.plasticpipe.org.

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Patrick Vibien, P.Eng., technical director of the Plastics Pipe Institute, Inc.

About PPI:

The Plastics Pipe Institute, Inc. (PPI) is the major North American trade association representing all segments of the plastic pipe industry and is dedicated to promoting plastic as the materials of choice for pipe and conduit applications. PPI is the premier technical, engineering and industry knowledge resource publishing data for use in the development and design of plastic pipe and conduit systems. Additionally, PPI collaborates with industry organizations that set standards for manufacturing practices and installation methods.