

SUPERIOR TUBE COMPANY, INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF ANTHONY JOST, PRESIDENT & CEO REGARDING PLANNED ELIMINATION OF TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) February 13, 2008

Superior Tube Company, Inc. (STC) manufactures a wide range of highly specialized, narrow-tube products that benefit the health of individuals and promote the defense of our country. We take seriously our responsibility to our neighbors, our community, our employees, and our customers to conduct our business in the most environmentally sound manner possible. Five years ago, we set one of the most challenging engineering goals our company has ever faced—a reduction of Trichloroethylene (TCE) emissions ultimately leading to the complete elimination of the use of this solvent from our manufacturing processes.

On January 7, 2008, we reported to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the public that during the preceding 12-months, we had voluntarily reduced our total TCE emissions by over 60%. This reduction, more than double our original 2007 target, was achieved as a direct result of leading-edge process improvements and substantial investment following years of research and development in the U.S. and at our affiliate in the United Kingdom. A key component of the reduction was the reformulation of a production material that resulted in the complete replacement of TCE as a carrier solvent with a specially-formulated version of n-propyl bromide. nPB is recommended as a direct substitute for TCE by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the state of California, and the environmental group PennFuture. nPB is not a Hazardous Air Pollutant nor is it a hazardous waste after use.

Today, STC is very pleased to report that we are taking the final steps necessary to completely eliminate TCE in our manufacturing operations by replacing it with nPB as our degreasing agent. We are confident, based on our engineering analyses and testing programs, that the substitution will be successfully implemented and validated. Until proven successful, STC must retain the right to use TCE as an alternative to nPB. However, we have every reason to believe that this change will be effective in eliminating our TCE air emissions.

We are filing a Minor Operating Permit Modification (MOPM) application with the DEP on February 13, 2008. The purpose of this MOPM application is two-fold:

- 1. Make three of the voluntary TCE emission reduction projects completed and validated in 2007 legally binding.**
- 2. Authorize implementation of the final project necessary for STC to completely eliminate the use of TCE from its manufacturing operations.**

The MOPM requests that the three TCE emission-reduction projects completed by STC in 2007 are made permanent and legally enforceable. These three projects, combined with a fourth project completed in early January, 2008, have resulted in the collective 60% TCE emission reduction referred to above. The three 2007 emission reduction projects subject to this MOPM application have reduced the TCE emission rate at STC by over 52% from its 70-ton baseline level, while the emission reductions achieved by the fourth project upon implementation in January 2008, subject to Plan Approval #46-0020E, account for an additional 8% reduction from the baseline level.

The application also asks DEP to authorize STC to implement the final engineering project necessary to complete the transition from TCE to n-PB for our remaining degreasers. After its conversion to nPB, the facility's 661 vapor degreaser will continue to be controlled by its carbon adsorber. This project is scheduled to be implemented in April 2008.

Posted on our website is a copy of the MOPM application as well as details of our voluntary reduction program. Pending timely approval of the MOPM permit, this project is scheduled for completion the week of April 12 through April 20. We wish to thank everyone involved in this process and we will continue to post updates to our website, www.superiortube.com.