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Spectrum Metal Finishing joins PPG certified applicator program

PITTSBURGH, Mar. 23, 2009 – PPG Industries' (NYSE:PPG) industrial coatings business announced that Spectrum Metal Finishing, Inc., Youngstown, Ohio, has been accredited to participate in the *PPG CAP Certified Applicator Program*.

Spectrum Metal Finishing joins an elite group of commercial coating applicators certified by PPG to apply high-performance fluoropolymer coatings to aluminum architectural components.

PPG CAP program applicators undergo a rigorous auditing process that encompasses all aspects of the coating process, from cleaning and pretreating the metal substrate to actually applying the coating. The audit also contains a continuous training and education component and specifies paint application parameters and cure schedules, as well as how finished products should be handled, packed and shipped.

The *PPG CAP* program enhances the ability of coatings applicators to meet building industry demands for value-added products and solutions. It offers architects, general contractors, glazing contractors and other customers the highest levels of quality, reliability and performance. *PPG CAP* members also have the exclusive ability to purchase and apply *Duranar* powder coatings for their customers.

Working with a PPG-certified applicator ensures the enhanced color harmony of coated aluminum architectural components on a building. The *PPG CAP* program establishes protocols to help minimize color variance across coated aluminum building components, such as:

- a digital global database of colors that are stored numerically,
- mandated use of common software and hardware to measure color reproduction and uniformity,
- a uniform, systems-oriented approach to matching colors and making paint, and
- PPG's color and coatings knowledge, experience and resources, especially regarding metallic color production.

PPG-certified applicators provide regional sourcing of aluminum-coated components, well-trained people, fast-track service to meet tight construction deadlines and state-of-the-art technology through well-managed certified application centers. Their customers also benefit from a seacoast warranty covering *Duranar*, *Duranar Sunstorm*, *Duranar XL* and *Duranar XLBC* spray coatings that were factory-applied in normal and industrial environments. To learn more about the *PPG CAP Certified Applicator Program*, visit www.ppgideascape.com or call 1-888-PPG-IDEA.