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United States Aluminum joins PPG Certified Applicator Program

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 07, 2007 – PPG Industries' (NYSE:PPG) industrial coatings business announced that United States Aluminum of Waxahachie, Texas, has been accredited to participate in the PPG *Certified Applicator Program* (PPG/CAP).

As the newest member of PPG/CAP, United States Aluminum joins an elite group of commercial coating applicators certified by PPG to apply high-performance fluoropolymer coatings to aluminum architectural components.

PPG/CAP applicators undergo a rigorous auditing process that encompasses all aspects of the coating process, from cleaning and pre-treating of the metal substrate to the actual application of the coating. The audit also specifies paint application parameters and cure schedules, and how finished products should be handled, packed and shipped. Continuous training and education are also components of the program.

The PPG *Certified Applicator Program* enhances the ability of coatings applicators to meet building industry demands for value-added products and solutions. PPG/CAP offers architects, general contractors, glazing contractors and other customers the highest levels of quality, reliability and performance.

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

- 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;
- PPG's unparalleled color and coatings knowledge, experience and resources, especially regarding metallic color production.

PPG-certified applicators provide regional sourcing of aluminum-coated components, well-trained and knowledgeable people, fast-track service to meet tight construction deadlines and state-of-the-art technology through well-managed certified application centers. To learn more about the PPG *Certified Applicator Program*, visit www.ppgideascape.com or call 1-888-PPG-IDEA.

About PPG

Pittsburgh-based PPG is a global supplier of paints, coatings, chemicals, optical products, specialty materials, glass and fiber glass. The company employs more than 34,000 people and has 125 manufacturing facilities and equity affiliates in more than 25 countries. PPG shares are traded on the New York stock exchange (symbol: PPG). For more information, visit www.ppg.com.

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