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New Forums on Infrastructure Challenges Facing Energy Transmission and Distribution Lines Debut at NACE CORROSION 2010

Houston, TX – NACE International, The Corrosion Society, has just announced that it will host key forums for those that manage and maintain the assets in the electric utility industry. These forums are part of several events designed to help the power industry focus on the emerging critical nature of what has been termed by industry experts as the “coming tsunami” of transmission tower failures.

These events will be held as part of the week-long NACE CORROSION 2010 Conference and Expo that will host more than 5,000 corrosion professionals from over 40 countries, and will be at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, Texas. CORROSION 2010 will bring together corrosion industry leaders, executives, and decision-makers for workshops, forums, and events. It runs from March 14-18, 2010. Over 350 exhibitors from around the world will round out a comprehensive look at the corrosion industry.

Industry experts note that lattice tower reject rates are as high as 30%. These forums, which have come about by a concerted effort on the part of members of both NACE and IEEE, are vital to transmission line owners faced with repair or replacement of these vital assets.

On Monday, March 15 at 1:00 p.m., Cris Conner from Utility Service & Maintenance, Inc., Alan Holloman from Georgia Power Company, and Jerry Arnold and Phil Lancello from The Carboline Company will host a forum entitled “Maintenance Painting in Electric Utility Generation, Transmission, and Distribution Systems.” This forum will cover such topics as maintenance painting in electric substations and combined cycle natural gas power plants, and corrosion control of transmission, distribution, and substation structures by coating systems.

At 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 17, Neal Murray, senior project manager with the Electric Power Research Institute, will chair a joint NACE / IEEE Panel Discussion with industry experts that will look at inspection and assessment practices for transmission tower and guy anchors, as well as corrosion mitigation and remediation methods. The session will key on the immediate needs of tower corrosion.

Another new forum entitled “Eliminate the Movement: The Crumbling of Our Infrastructure in Transmission and Distribution,” will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 18, 2010. Chaired by coatings industry expert Steven Feldman from PPG, this forum will highlight the challenges facing our aging transmission and distribution systems and the impact of the lack of protective coatings maintenance to mitigate the impact of corrosion.

There are additional technical meetings scheduled to assist the electric utility industry. These sessions will discuss standards, field guides, and an industry survey.

The Advance Program for the conference as well as complete details on meetings and forums is available online at www.nace.org. Attendees, participants, and exhibitors from around the world are encouraged to review the program and register today.

NACE International, The Corrosion Society, based in Houston, Texas, has over 22,000 members in 110 countries. It is recognized worldwide as the largest professional association dedicated to protecting people, assets, and the environment from the impact of corrosion. It was founded in 1943, and offers technical training and certification programs, sponsors conferences, and produces industry standards, reports, publications, and software to prevent and mitigate corrosion.

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