



LINCOLN ELECTRIC AND ORIENT PACIFIC ANNOUNCE COOPERATION AGREEMENT

SHANGHAI, China – Lincoln Electric China and Orient Pacific Ltd. of Shanghai have entered into a cooperation agreement designed to jointly promote and expand their product and service brands. Under the agreement, Lincoln Electric China will provide Orient Pacific access to their Shanghai Welding Technology Center to conduct their professional training workshops and personnel certification services. In return, Orient Pacific will make available their training, testing and certification activities in a way that explicitly shares these technologies with Lincoln Electric and their customers. The organizations will also endeavor to jointly formulate new service lines intended to increase brand awareness to their customer bases. Individuals and companies participating in Orient Pacific training workshops and certification programs will get a first hand look at the latest in welding equipment, consumables and supplies from Lincoln Electric.



“This venture adds significant credibility to our training and certification services here in China” commented Orient Pacific’s Managing Director Todd Fleckenstein. *“Lincoln Electric is by far the most respected manufacturer of welding products in the world. Access to the Welding Technology Center facilities provides us with an extensive array of equipment, and technology unmatched anywhere in the Far East. Lincoln electric has built a world-class facility here in Shanghai. There is no better compliment to our technical training and certification programs available anywhere in China.”*

Orient Pacific will utilize the Lincoln Electric facilities to administer practical tests of welders desiring to become certified and conduct training seminars in various subjects such as welding technology, welding inspection; welding procedure and personnel qualification; welding metallurgy; nondestructive testing and examination; construction codes; and fabrication and welding of pressure equipment to nuclear and non-nuclear codes.



* Lincoln Electric (www.lincolnelectric.com) is the world leader in the design, development, and manufacture of arc welding products for now over 100 years. Headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A. Lincoln Electric now has 36 manufacturing locations, in 20 countries and a worldwide network of distributors and sales offices covering more than 160 countries. The Lincoln Electric Company began operations in China in 1986. The Welding Technology Center was opened in 2006. Altogether Lincoln Electric now has four manufacturing subsidiaries in China with a total workforce of over 1,800 employees. For more information visit www.lincolnelectric.com.cn

Orient Pacific (Shanghai) Ltd. is an American owned and managed technical services company based in Shanghai, China. They provide various services - to a broad range of industries - including technical consulting, training, supplier management and control, inspection and testing, auditing and special process management. They specialize in solving supply-chain problems by developing long-term relationships with clients and their suppliers. For more information about Orient Pacific go to www.orientpacific.com