As we reflect upon our many blessings, it is also important to reflect upon those among us who are less fortunate in health and prosperity. We extend our sympathies and prayers to those families that have lost a loved one this past year. We have experienced the loss of loved ones within the MICA family of members. At this time of Thanksgiving, we reflect on their lives and how we have been blessed with knowing them and sharing in their lives. This is especially true for Cindy and me with the passing of Eleanor Heaston. Bill and Eleanor hold a special place in our hearts. They brought us into the MICA family. They guided us and mentored us through our initial years with MICA. We are forever thankful for their love. We are saddened by their passing, but we are comforted in knowing that our lives have been enriched by their time with us.

The concern for others and the willingness to help out has been and continues to be an endearing trait among MICA members. As new members join our MICA family, you all welcome them and make them feel at home. But most of all, you are all willing to help them become better insulation professionals. You come from such diverse backgrounds, but you all reflect true Christian values in your personal and professional lives. Our association is truly blessed to have such strong members. Cindy and I are most grateful to be a part of MICA and to have MICA a part of us. You have made and continue to make MICA a blessing to our family.

Thanksgiving marks the start of another Holiday Season and the end of yet another year. This next month will be filled with family gatherings, holiday shopping, Hanukkah, and Christmas and New Year’s Eve parties.

Our fall season, here in the Midwest, has been so mild that it is difficult to believe that December is just around the corner. Last year we were covered with snow that lasted until April. Snow will put you in the winter mode! For me, Thanksgiving means that there are only two weeks of classes before finals week. It also means that I have only two weeks to get all of our outside projects assigned to the students. The Christmas season for me does not start until after final exams.

Thanksgiving, though, is a time to reflect on the many blessings that have been bestowed upon us and our families wherever they may be. We give thanks for living in America where we are truly free to live as we please and to worship as we please.

As Cindy and I reflect on our year, we as a family have much to be thankful for. God has continued to bless us with good friends and excellent health. Our daughter, Mary, was married this past September, and we now have a great son-in-law who truly loves our daughter, and step grandchildren, and for these we are thankful!
Thanksgiving is not “over-rated”!

There, got your attention?

It is that time of the year. We look to reflect on all the many things we are thankful for. The season calls for us to realize the various blessings that we all take for granted. May I suggest that we all reflect on the many things we can be thankful for in our lives. I, for one, need to take the time to intentionally reflect on these things. Tending to run at 110 miles per hour, so much is taken for granted, glossed over in the business of life, and quite simply expected to all be delivered at our doorstep.

So, we are able to look at our material blessings; easy to measure and usually and woefully over rated. Someone once told me the difference between joy and happiness. Happiness is temporary. Happiness comes from stuff like material wealth accumulations, a new car, getting the big contract, moving into the house of our dreams. Things like this add to the happiness we as people seek after with earnest. Oh, it feels good and satisfies, however, satisfying only to a point. Are you with me here? The car rusts, the contract is a ton of work to execute and turn a profit on, the house needs to be paid for and maintained. These things are all part of life and necessary to a point.

Let’s turn the corner and consider other things to be thankful for. In my life, I consider the arrival of my daughter coming home from college for the first time since we dropped her in Ft. Collins for her freshman year; an opportunity to be thankful! Three months away, I sure miss her! My son’s safe return from Iraq after serving with his Marine Corps unit; what an opportunity to be thankful! Talk about Joy! Another birthday, wedding anniversary, good doctor report, birth of a child or grandchild… these are those joyful events that I am talking about. These things are lasting and cause for real celebration; they don’t rust or wear out.

So now, may I challenge you to reflect on your own life and find the areas for joy to be celebrated, to be thankful for? You see, it is far too common to expect goodness to come our way and to believe we are entitled to happiness. It takes a mind set, a discipline, to realize all we have and are blessed with.

These are some thoughts that I am challenged with. May our MICA Friends have a wonderful holiday season, Joy to the world! Joy to each of you, to live out and share with others.

Sincerely,

James Markham, MICA President
GREEN BUILDING MARKET GROWS 50% IN TWO YEARS DESPITE RECESSION, SAYS McGRAW-HILL CONSTRUCTION REPORT

New York, NY — November 12, 2010 — The U.S. green building market is accelerating at a dramatic rate, says McGraw-Hill Construction’s Green Outlook 2011: Green Trends Driving Growth report. The value of green building construction starts was up 50% from 2008 to 2010 — from $42 billion to $55 billion to $71 billion — and represents 25% of all new construction activity in 2010. According to projections, the green building market size is expected to reach $135 billion by 2015.

Green building is the bright spot in an otherwise tough economy, and in some sectors, that rate of growth has been remarkable. In nonresidential building, for example, the green building market share is even higher than the overall market. Today, a third of all new nonresidential construction is green — a $54 billion market opportunity. In five years, nonresidential green building activity is expected to triple, representing $120 billion to $145 billion in new construction (40% - 48% of the nonresidential market) and $14 billion to $18 billion in major retrofit and renovation projects.

To break it down further, health care construction this year is expected to grow its green share to as much as 40% (valued at $8 billion-$9 billion in 2010) — phenomenal growth in just two years. Education (valued at $13 billion – $16 billion in 2010) and office green construction (valued at $7 billion – $8 billion in 2010) also remain strong sectors, showing high increases in market share, due in part to the fact that bigger projects are the most likely to “go green.” This year, the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED specification is mentioned in 71% of all projects valued at over $50 million.

“It’s an amazing area of opportunity at time when the construction market is extremely challenged,” said Harvey M. Bernstein, vice president, Global Thought Leadership and Business Development, McGraw-Hill Construction. “In today’s economy, firms that specialize in green or serve this market are seeing a tremendous advantage — and they’re doing good at the same time. Green building leads to healthier places for us to live and work in, lower energy and water use, and better profitability.”

(Continued on page 4)
Aside from market size estimates, the 32-page *Green Outlook 2011* report provides insights into key trends, perceptions and motivators in the green building space. For example, building owners cited three business benefits as the main drivers for building green:

- Reduction in operating costs of 13.6% on average for new buildings and 8.5% for retrofits;
- Increase in building values of 10.9% for new buildings and 6.8% for retrofits; and
- Increase in return on investment (ROI) of 9.9% for new buildings and 19.2% for retrofits.

Beyond these bottom-line advantages, McGraw-Hill Construction attributes green building’s rapid expansion to owners’ desire for market differentiation, growing public awareness, and an increase in local and federal government regulations. As of September 2010, green building legislation and initiatives were present in 12 federal agencies and 33 states, and the proliferation of local government initiatives have increased at an especially impressive pace — from 156 localities in 2008 to 384 localities in 2010.

“The Green Outlook is one example of how McGraw-Hill Construction’s data helps our customers see opportunities despite a challenged construction environment,” said Keith Fox, president, McGraw-Hill Construction. “Identifying key trends — ahead of the curve — helps our customers improve their bottom-line and gain a competitive advantage — an advantage that will be even greater when we see the full rebound of the commercial construction market.”

McGraw-Hill Construction’s *Green Outlook 2011* is produced by a staff of researchers, economists and analysts, drawing from its Dodge project database, its construction market forecasts, proprietary market research, and secondary research, as well as extensive data and trend analysis. More information and specific green building projects can be found in the Green Outlook 2011 report and on the GreenSource website at greensource.construction.com/projects. To order a copy of the report, visit construction.com/market_research.

**PITTSBURGH CORNING CORPORATION RECEIVES FAVORABLE COURT RULING**

Pittsburgh, Pa. – November 3, 2010 – Pittsburgh Corning Corporation, an industry leader in innovative glass technology for construction materials, announced today that it received a favorable ruling from the Superior Court in Guilford County, North Carolina in the company’s case against its former distributor, McCormick Insulation Supply, and fabricator Batt Fabricators, Inc.

Pittsburgh Corning is the only manufacturer of cellular glass insulation in the United States and sells its primary product under the brand name FOAMGLAS® insulation. This unique thermal glass insulation is sold into the building, industrial and energy markets for industrial and commercial applications throughout the world.

Pittsburgh Corning filed an action against McCormick and Batt after learning that the two companies had imported insulation from Chinese sources, commingled it with FOAMGLAS® cellular glass insulation and provided it to customers. In a preliminary injunction, the Court ruled that McCormick and Batt passed off to their customers inferior products — sourced from China — as Pittsburgh Corning FOAMGLAS® cellular glass insulation. It added that

(Continued on page 10)
YOUR #1 CHOICE FOR HIGH QUALITY INSULATION PRODUCTS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Pipe & Equipment Insulation & Jacketing
- Air Handling Fire Protection Products
- Residential Insulation Metal Building Insulation
- Insulation Accessories Asbestos Abatement

3 Locations to serve you!
St. Paul, MN (651) 636-4320
Bismarck, ND (701) 258-9900
Blackhawk, SD (605) 787-6781
www.apidistribution.com

Another innovation from Thermal Ceramics. FastWrap® XL is a thin (1-1/2" thick), lightweight (6 pcf), and flexible enclosure system, that is fire tested and UL listed for 2 hour fire protection for grease and HVAC ducts.

- Saving Contractors Material, Space, and Money
  - One product for Grease and HVAC ducts
  - UL Listed and ICC-ES approved for smooth jobsite inspection
  - The only approved two layer ASTM E2336 system with NO OVERLAPS on the inner layer
- In the Midwest, contact David Kies, 610.393.2236

Carrying our legacy forward through great service for our customers, vendors, and employees.

INTEGRATED DISTRIBUTION SERVICES

MEMPHIS • LITTLE ROCK • ST. LOUIS
www.integrateddistributionservices.com

CUSTOM TAILORED LEGAL SOLUTIONS for Your Business

Don’t get caught in a stitch, let our experienced attorneys provide you with effective legal solutions.

- OSHA
- Workers’ Comp Defense
- Labor & Employment Law
- Construction Law

A PERFECT FIT, NO MATTER THE SIZE
Gary W. Auman
www.dmfdayton.com • (937) 223-6003
ADVANCE THERMAL CORP.

REMOVABLE / REUSABLE INSULATION BLANKETS

Highest Quality — Most Competitive Prices
Professional Measuring — Private Labeling
Quick Deliveries — Three shops in USA

QUALITY SEWN
OR
HOG RINGED
BLANKETS
OF
SUPERIOR
QUALITY

1-630-595-5150
1-800-COVER ATC

UNION OR NON-UNION MADE BLANKETS
WWW.ADVANCETHERMAL.COM

1/2" Thick Calcium Silicate?
Cal Sil to Fit Copper Tube? Stainless Steel Tube? Cast or Ductile Iron Pipe?
8 X 1"? 10 X 1"? 24 X 1" Cal Sil ?
1/2" Thick Urethane ?

"It Doesn’t Exist…” “I Can't Get…” “NO One Makes It…”

Hold On! Have You Called Value Engineered Products?

Available? YOU BET!

Value Engineered Products Has Been Fabricating Insulated Pipe Supports
For Nearly 20 Years. Not Only Do We Provide Units To Fit ANY Type Of Pipe Or ANY
Insulation Wall Thickness, We Stock The Largest Inventory Of Rolled Steel
Insulation Protection Shields In The Region.

Need 2.0 X 12" X 18 Gauge, G-90 Shields? We Can Ship Them Tomorrow!

Got a project outdoors? NOW AVAILABLE WITH VENTURECLAD®-
Hands Down The Best -0- Perm, Weather Resistant Jacketing On The
Market Today!

To Find The Distributor Nearest You, Call

VALUE ENGINEERED PRODUCTS, INC. ~ DENVER, COLORADO
1-800-921-1177 OR E-MAIL US AT VALUENG@AOL.COM
## Bay Insulation Supply Co.

**Member of the Bay Industries Corporate Family**

[www.BayInsulation.com](http://www.BayInsulation.com)

---

### SERVICE FROM 23 LOCATIONS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Address</th>
<th>City, State</th>
<th>Phone</th>
<th>Fax</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2929 Walker Drive</td>
<td>Green Bay, Wisconsin 54311</td>
<td>920-406-4100</td>
<td>920-406-4141</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>823R1 South 60th Street</td>
<td>Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53214</td>
<td>414-258-9333</td>
<td>414-258-9388</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5810 East Avenue</td>
<td>Countryside, Illinois 60525</td>
<td>708-352-9663</td>
<td>708-352-9690</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1170 Central Industrial Drive</td>
<td>St. Louis, Missouri 63110</td>
<td>314-776-2002</td>
<td>314-776-4616</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4755 West 15th Street, Suite E</td>
<td>Cleveland, Ohio 44135</td>
<td>216-362-7338</td>
<td>216-362-7999</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1610 Alum Creek Drive</td>
<td>Columbus, Ohio 43209</td>
<td>614-258-1939</td>
<td>614-258-1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7043 S. 190th Street</td>
<td>Kent, Washington 98032</td>
<td>425-251-6750</td>
<td>425-251-6225</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6955 East River Road</td>
<td>Fridley, Minnesota 55432</td>
<td>763-502-9977</td>
<td>763-502-9980</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14200 East 33rd Place</td>
<td>Aurora, Colorado 80011</td>
<td>703-371-0505</td>
<td>703-371-0407</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3342 N.W. 26th Avenue #14</td>
<td>Portland, Oregon 97210</td>
<td>503-248-9662</td>
<td>503-248-9639</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>727 South Ninth Avenue</td>
<td>City of Industry, CA 91745</td>
<td>626-369-4424</td>
<td>626-330-7777</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7949 Stromera Court, Suite T</td>
<td>San Diego, CA 92126</td>
<td>858-530-0414</td>
<td>858-578-8681</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3555 Ponderosa Way, Unit E</td>
<td>Las Vegas, NV 89118</td>
<td>702-891-5333</td>
<td>702-891-5335</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5201 E. Front Street</td>
<td>Kansas City, MO 64120</td>
<td>816-920-5900</td>
<td>816-920-5921</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3741 N. Topeka Street</td>
<td>Wichita, KS 67219</td>
<td>316-651-0618</td>
<td>316-651-0291</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3008 Orange Grove Avenue</td>
<td>North Highlands, CA 95660</td>
<td>916-978-9071</td>
<td>916-978-0437</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>130 Mason Circle, Suite B</td>
<td>Concord, CA 94520</td>
<td>925-691-9880</td>
<td>925-691-9882</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2630 Glendale Milford Rd</td>
<td>Cincinnati, OH 45241</td>
<td>513-563-8200</td>
<td>513-563-8550</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1017 North Bradley Road, Suite B</td>
<td>Spokane Valley, WA 99212</td>
<td>509-893-3411</td>
<td>509-893-3991</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1150 W. Alameda Drive, Suite 1</td>
<td>Tempe, AZ 85281</td>
<td>480-361-0167</td>
<td>480-361-0170</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4411 B Darien Street</td>
<td>Houston, TX 77028</td>
<td>713-675-1811</td>
<td>713-675-2680</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2805 Market Street #187</td>
<td>Garland, TX 75041</td>
<td>972-278-4900</td>
<td>972-278-4805</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11696 Laney Road</td>
<td>Tyler, TX 75708</td>
<td>903-877-4466</td>
<td>903-877-4468</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

### Dyplast Products

If you haven’t tried our new Phenolic Pipe Insulation .... maybe it’s time!

- 3rd Generation Chemistry
- 25/50 Flame & Smoke Ratings
- The only high-R insulation to meet Air Plenum requirements while fully complying with EPA regulations
- Superior thermal performance while meeting 25/50 Mechanical Code requirements
- 0.146 Btu·in/hr·ft²·°F (Initial)

Dyplast Products
12501 NW 38th Ave
Miami, FL 33054
305-921-0130
www.dyplastproducts.com
e-mail@4Dyplast.info
FABRICATED PIPE
- Isocyanurate
- Extruded Polystyrene
- Foamglas®

INSULATION SUPPLIES
- PVC Jacketing
- Fittings
- Metal Jacket
- Rubber & fiberglass

EASY ORDERING · FAST TURNAROUND · SUPERIOR CUSTOMER SERVICE

816-756-2000 · Fax 816-756-2002 · Toll Free 1-800-882-0110
3327 Roanoke Rd · KCMO 64111

FyreWrap® Elite™ 1.5 Duct Insulation
Tested Fire Protection For All Fire Rated Duct Types

• Saves building space & installation time
• 1-and 2-hour fire-rated duct enclosures
• Meets new 2006 grease duct codes
• Systems for grease and ventilation ducts
• ONE product for all duct types

For more information on FyreWrap® Elite™
1.5 Duct Insulation, or other Fire Protection
Materials, contact Unitrax Corporate
Headquarters — Phone: 716-278-3600,
Fax: 716-278-3900; or the following area
sales offices:

Scott Marker – New Carlisle, IN
Phone: 574-654-7120

Alan Finley – Tulsa, OK
Phone: 918-622-3288

Mark Sullivan – Milwaukee, WI
Phone: 262-253-3630

Fred Hoffman – Tulsa, OK
Phone: 918-499-1791

www.unitrax.com
ITW Insulation Systems provides high-performance mechanical pipe insulation, vapor retarder and metal jacketing products designed to meet specifications for a wide range of commercial and industrial pipe and equipment projects.

- ITW Metal Jacketing in Aluminum and Stainless Steel
- TRYMER® PIR Pipe Insulation
- TRYMER® Green Insulation
- TRYMER® XPS Pipe Insulation
- Saran™ Vapor Retarder Film and Tape

1370 East 40th Street • Houston, TX 77022
800.231.1024
www.itwisulation.com

Multiple Insulation Solutions, One Manufacturer, Global Reach.

The EXTOL OF OHIO ADVANTAGE:

We are a full-service fabrication facility providing the entire insulation system for any application. Material, jackets, mastics, sealants and accessories all delivered in one shipment and direct to the job site.

- **Closed Cell Insulation Materials**: Polysiocyanurate, HT-450 High-Temp Polyiso, Extruded Polystyrene, Cellular Glass, and Phenolic.
- **2-Piece Fabricated Insulation**: Pipe Covering, Fittings, Valves, Victaulics and Vessels.
- **Mechanical and Vapor Barrier Jacketing Materials**: Saran, ASJ, FSK, PVC, Aluminum and Stainless Steel and Membranes.
- **Pre-Fabricated Head Insulation Systems**: 2:1 Elliptical, ASME Flanged & Dished, Conical, Hemispherical, and Spherical.
- **Complete Line of Accessories**: Coatings, Sealants & Adhesives, Tapes, Bands, Clips, Fasteners, Saddles, Foam Kits, etc.

Jim Arlin
Technical Sales Representative
Office: 800-486-9865
Mobile: (419) 708-5746
Email: jim@extolohio.com

McCormick must immediately halt the sales practice and notify both its customers and the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration of what it had been selling.

“Pittsburgh Corning views the ruling as very positive,” said James R. Kane, President, Pittsburgh Corning Corporation. “We are encouraged that the Court is endeavoring to protect our customers against inferior and potentially dangerous impostors of genuine FOAMGLAS® insulation.”

According to the company, the ruling defends the quality and integrity of the FOAMGLAS® brand, and supports its commitment to lawful and fair business practices.

“Pittsburgh Corning has an unwavering commitment to provide the highest quality of products and services and to compete fairly in the market,” said Kane. “For 60 years, we’ve worked to earn an excellent reputation, and we strive to uphold that reputation by being honest and fair in all of our business dealings. We will not allow our customers to be misled and put at risk.”

The full opinion, which outlines the facts in the case, can be found in the “Order on Plaintiff’s Motion for Preliminary Injunction” at this link: www.ncbusinesscourt.net/2010_NCBC_17.pdf

The company is now taking a number of steps to help customers who purchase Pittsburgh Corning FOAMGLAS® cellular glass insulation be certain that they receive Pittsburgh Corning FOAMGLAS® cellular glass insulation. Customers can direct their questions to:

Joseph A. Nese
Pittsburgh Corning Corporation
724-387-3670
joe_nese@pghcorning.com

The law firm of Reed Smith, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, representing Pittsburgh Corning Corporation, was instrumental in obtaining the favorable decision.

MICA MEMBER ADDRESS/INFO. UPDATES

Be sure to inform the MICA office of any changes or corrections to your listing for either the MICA Directory, e-mail correspondence or mailing address. We try to be as current as possible with your help.
For HIQuality, HILevel of Service and HICommitment to Customer Satisfaction...

HiCube Coating, a New Jersey based coating and converting company, maintains both local and world wide manufacturing capabilities.

HiCube has core adhesive technology and standard product offerings using both acrylic and rubber based adhesives.

HiCube offers full service product design, development, manufacturing and logistics support.

YOUR COMPLETE SOURCE FOR MECHANICAL INSULATION TAPES
Foil, ASJ, FSK, PSK, PVC, Duct, Double Coated, Masking & Filament Tapes

HiCube Coating, LLC 200 Circle Avenue Clifton, NJ 07011
TEL 973-883-7404  FAX 973-807-1881
www.hicubecoating.com
“Avery Dennison makes the best product on the market …”

“Pretty awesome. That is how I describe Avery Dennison’s response to our needs,” says Cruz Acosta, President of Texoma Industrial Insulation. “When we needed a large order of FASSON FSK and ASJ fast, they shipped directly to our job site to get us going.”

Highest Standards

Texoma Industrial Insulation is a recognized leader in design, fabrication and installation service for every type of industrial and commercial insulation project.

“Our field guys are very specific in their performance requirements,” says Cruz. “We built our reputation on using the best tape available.”

Complete Product Range

Avery Dennison serves Texoma’s needs with a complete portfolio of FASSON mechanical insulation tapes, many featuring advanced mold inhibitor technology:

- ASJ
- FSK
- Foil
- PVC & Embossed Vinyl
- Duct Tape
- Metal Building
- Strapping & Sheathing

Outstanding Service

“Avery Dennison is absolutely responsive to our needs. Our rep is so good, he anticipates our needs and meets them before any issues can develop,” says Cruz.

FASSON Mechanical Insulation Tapes

The Contractor’s Favorite.

Cruz L. Acosta
President
Texoma Industrial Insulation
Denison, Texas
http://www.texomaindustrial.com

Tezoma Industrial Insulation used more than 6,000 rolls of Avery Dennison FASSON FSK and ASJ Mechanical Insulation Tape plus more than 500 rolls of Strapping Tape in this medical center project.
ASA AND ASA OF THE CAROLINAS TELL NORTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS: LIEN WAIVERS DON’T WAIVE LIEN LAWS

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — “The protections afforded contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers through mechanics’ and laborers’ liens are essential to the survival of the construction industry,” the American Subcontractors Association and ASA of the Carolinas said in an amici curiae, or “friends of the court,” brief filed with the North Carolina Court of Appeals on Oct. 28, 2010. The brief, filed in Preserve Holdings, LLC v. Superior Construction Corp. et al., asks the court to reverse a trial court’s decision flouting North Carolina law that establishes a contractor’s mechanic’s lien as effective on the date on which it first furnishes labor or materials.

“The law is clear, and ASA and ASA of the Carolinas are standing up for subcontractors’ valuable lien rights,” said 2010-11 ASA President Timmy McLaughlin, Austin Construction Company, Summerville, S.C. “Lien waivers don’t waive lien laws.”

In the underlying case, a contractor, Superior Construction Company, constructed improvements for a multi-building condominium project, and filed suit on a lien after not being paid nearly $1 million. The construction lender obtained a lien for the project (based on a deed of trust) after the contractor started work. The lender convinced a court that the contractor’s decision to sign partial lien waivers changed the effective date, and therefore the priority, of the contractor’s lien claim. The lender claims that the contractor’s lien claim is effective only as of the first day for which the contractor has not executed partial lien waivers for progress payments.

In their brief, ASA and ASAC stated: “The Trial Court’s decision, if not reversed, will have a particularly severe and unnecessary harsh impact on the very subcontractors the lien statutes are designed to protect. A subcontractor’s right to lien a project, and the first furnishing date for a subcontractor’s lien is the date of first furnishing of the contractor. The Trial Court’s holding misapprehends the relation back doctrine, misreads the lien waiver, and ignores the effect of waivers on subcontractors.”

IT’S TIME TO THRIVE!

As a proud MICA member, K-Flex USA understands the growing challenges facing mechanical contractors today. Build profit and lasting customer relationships by choosing K-Flex® LS high-performance, elastomeric insulation products!

Contact us today and learn how K-Flex® LS can help you to:
• Lower your installation time and cost.
• Reduce your HVAC system energy costs.

www.kflexusa.com • info@kflexusa.com • 800-765-6475

K-FLEX USA
INNOVATION IN INSULATION

PLUMBING    HVAC/R    COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL    MARINE    OIL&GAS    SOLAR

Now available in 2” thick 25/50 rated tubes and sheets.

NFAD-0077-4610

GREENGUARD

INNOVATION IN INSULATION
OSHA WILL HOLD INFORMAL PUBLIC HEARING

WASHINGTON – OSHA will hold an informal public hearing starting Jan. 18, 2011, on the proposed rule revising the Walking-Working Surfaces and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) standards to improve worker protection from slip, trip, and fall hazards.

“These public hearings will provide an important opportunity for stakeholders who will be impacted by the rule to share their concerns and provide input on the proposal,” said OSHA Assistant Secretary Dr. David Michaels.

The proposed rule, described in the May 24 Federal Register, will prevent annually about 20 workplace fatalities and more than 3,700 injuries that are serious enough to result in lost work days. “Injuries and fatalities from fall hazards are a leading cause of work-related injuries and we need to have the best rule possible to ensure that we effectively address this serious hazard,” said Michaels.

Proposed revisions will include specific criteria for personal fall protection equipment that are consistent with industry voluntary consensus standards. Revisions will also better align OSHA’s general industry walking-working surfaces standards with the Agency's construction and shipyard industry standards.

The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m., at the U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. If necessary, the hearing will continue on subsequent days at the same time and location.

Individuals interested in testifying at the hearing must submit a notice of intent to appear by Nov. 30. Only those persons submitting notices will be permitted to present testimony, question witnesses and OSHA, and participate in the post-hearing comment period. Individuals who request to testify for more than 10 minutes or who intend to submit documentary evidence at the hearing must submit the full text of their testimony and evidence by Dec. 21.

Technical questions and public hearing inquiries should be directed to Virginia Fitzner, Office of Safety Systems, at 202-693-2052. Individuals requesting special accommodations to attend or testify at the hearing should contact Veneta Chatmon, Office of Communications, at 202-693-1999.

STATEMENT ON INJURIES AND ILLNESSES REQUIRING DAYS AWAY FROM WORK IN 2009

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics today announced that the number of reported nonfatal occupational injury and illness cases that required days away from work to recuperate decreased by nine percent to 1,238,490 cases in 2009 for private industry, state government and local government. Additionally, BLS reported that the total incidence rate decreased by 5 percent to 117 cases per 10,000 full-time workers. BLS also reported that local and state government workers had much higher rates of injuries and illnesses requiring days away from work than workers in private industry. In response, Dr. David Michaels, assistant secretary of labor for occupational safety and health, issued this statement:

“Injuries and illnesses requiring time away from work to recuperate can be costly to both employers and employees alike, often resulting in lost productivity for employers and lost wages for workers. All employers, private and government, can use the data released today to focus on areas with high incidence rates, and find and fix hazards to prevent future occurrences. We are continuing our efforts to ensure that these data are complete and accurate, so that they will assist employers in that effort”.

“The BLS report is significant in that, for the first time, it reports incidence rates for workers in state and local governments, half of whom work in states where public employees have no OSHA coverage. We find it very troubling to note that the rate among local and state government workers was 185 cases and 180 cases per 10,000 full-time workers, respectively. That compares with 106 cases per 10,000 full-time employees in private industry. Specifically, we see a high occurrence among many public employee occupations, particularly among transit and intercity bus drivers, law enforcement officers, emergency response workers, and nursing aides and orderlies. We are also concerned that musculoskeletal disorders continue for the second year in a row to comprise almost 30 percent of all workplace injuries and illnesses requiring time away from work”.

“Although it is encouraging to see a reduction in the total number of days away from work for injuries and illnesses suffered by workers in 2009, we know that economic con-
IIG Thermo-12® Gold High Temperature Pipe and Block Insulation is an excellent choice when your design criteria call for insulation that is both durable and inhibits corrosion on high temperature steel.

XOX corrosion inhibitor is a unique process and formulation that slows the corrosion rate on steel surfaces for the life of your insulated system. XOX corrosion inhibitor is incorporated into IIG Thermo-12® Gold High Temperature Pipe and Block.

To learn more, review “Technical Bulletin 012” at WWW.IIG-LLC.COM
Cellular Glass Insulation and PC Accessories
Protecting Companies and Their People Worldwide™

Home Office: Pittsburgh, PA  Ph: 800-545-5001
**Growth Portfolio: Contractor’s Choices**

Just a few of the products and services that help you grow.

**removableinsulation.com**

*custom removable insulation blankets*

**easy to order. fast turnaround. competitive price.**

first-ever online service for ordering custom removable insulation blankets. custom sizes and lengths, several bill of material options, numerous fastener configurations, custom i.d. tag, online order placement and tracking.

not to mention high-quality, high-performance blankets that will last for years.

go online to http://www.removableinsulation.com and give it a try.

removableinsulation.com

W.O. 000000-00
ITEM 1A-T
5” 600# FLANGE
SUPPLY LINE
COOLING TOWER #1

embossed s.s. tags
Ideal Products
Metal Jacketing Specialists
Always Expanding & Consistently Developing new product lines for Customer Convenience & Satisfaction

Fabricated Items
In-house CNC Cutting Equipment saves time, labour and waste material by eliminating the need for on-site fabrication.

Bevelled Collars
Sizes #1-#32

Precision Cut End Caps (2pc)

Two Piece Tees
Sizes #1-#32

Precision Cut Gores

Elbows & End Caps
Manufacturing and stocking a full line of Aluminum pressed fittings in various sizes, saving labour and material costs. Stainless Steel Elbows also available.

*Large Bore WeatherJacs™

Two piece numbered and Large Bore Pressed Elbows (WeatherJacs™) have patented weather tight system.

*Patent Pending

*PrecisionFit End Caps 1pc
Sizes #1-#24

*Aluminum WeatherJacs™

LOCAL SALES AGENTS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE USA

Central States
Jeff Rebolz, Jeff-Co Sales
jrebolz12@msn.com 1-800-969-3113

Northeast Region
Mike Elsey, Elco Sales
LCREP96@aol.com 732-370-5237

Western States
HG Marketing, LLC
Sales@hgmktng.com 971-322-2300

For further information, samples or to place an order, contact our Customer Service Department toll free 1-800-299-0819

Corporate Office
715 - 76 Avenue
Edmonton AB Canada T6P 1P2
Phone: 1-866-299-0819
Fax: 1-866-299-0808

US Warehouse Locations
Atlanta, Georgia
Indianapolis, Indiana
Malvern, Pennsylvania

www.idealproducts.ca

JEFF-CO
Sales and Marketing
When it comes to mechanical insulation products and accessories, we’ve got you covered! We represent the best in the business from four office locations. Quality people providing quality products to MICA since 1988!

High Temperature Coated Textiles in Blanket and Tape Forms

AVERY DENNISON
Fasson Brand Insulation and HVAC Tapes

BOSS PRODUCTS
Boss Brand Silicones and Fire Stop Sealants

BUCKAROOS, Inc.
Saddles, Supports, Tools, P-Trap Covers and PVC Hanger Covers

HITLIN
Sturdy High Temperature E-Glass Pipe, Board and Wrap Insulations

Ideal Products
Aluminum and Stainless Steel Jacketing and Elbow Systems

INC SWEAT
Reusable Insulated Valve and Grooved Fitting Wraps

Polyguard
Insulation Jacketing and R2400 Corrosion Resistant Coatings

Proto
PVC Fittings and Jacketing Systems

UniFRAZ
Fyrewrap Blanket Systems for Grease and Plenum Ductwork

VIBASCO CORPORATION
Insulation Mastics and Coatings

9635 Park Davis Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46235
800.969.3113 fax 317.899.0775

jeff-co.com
Go Thick.
Up to 4” thick, Twice the size of the nearest competitor.

Go Big.
Now offering 6”, 8”, and 10” pipe sizes. Biggest in the industry.

Go AEROCEL®

Safe. Easy. Insist on Aerocel.

www.aeroflexusa.com

Contact Aeroflex today at 1-866-237-6235 (1-866-AEROCEL)
Or visit our web site: www.aeroflexusa.com

IPS
INspeCTION POINT SEALS, LLC

Manufacturer of the patented IPS Inspection Port, the cost effective way to access piping and vessels when performing CUI inspections.

Features and Benefits:
- Watertight Seal without Screws, O-Rings or Caulk
- Installs Easily without Special Tools
- Reduces Installation Time

MODEL 210
For 6mm Pyrogel® Aerogel insulation

MODEL 95
U.S. Patent #6082576

MODEL 206
For cal-sil, foam glass or perlite insulation. Also PVC jacket.

1-888-236-0408
39421 Highway 929, Prairieville, LA 70769
Ph. (225) 622-6183
Fax. (225) 622-6787

www.ipseals.com

“Please see our website for complete product listings and specifications”
JACKETING INNOVATION

Polyguard helps you more, with
-great service
-good products
-people

ALUMAGUARD™
55 mils
The original (1998) exterior weatherproofing duct jacketing. With many millions of square feet sold, Alumaguard is today's industry standard.

ALUMAGUARD™ LT
35 mils
Tomorrow's industry standard; a hybrid with both self-healing properties and low temperature installation ease.

The Competitor

mmm... pretty good product, but isn't 6 mils a bit thin?

ZEROPERM™ ULTRA

6 mils
Our lightweight entry...with 20% tougher film*

*PSTG-131 International Breaking Strength and Elongation of Pressure Sensitive Tapes

Polyguard

Phone: (1) 214.515.5000
www.polyguardproducts.com

ISO 9001
BUREAU VERITAS
Certification

Polyguard has been ISO 9000 certified since 1996. Current certifications are:
- American Natl. Standards Institute
- Dutch Council for Certification
- Deutscher Akkreditierungs Rat
Global Therm is a leader in the manufacturing of tank insulation systems. Our team of professionals can provide engineering assistance for guidance on tank design details for insulation and material selection.

Some of the Global Therm features are:
- Thermal efficiency
- Weather tight and durable
- Longevity of the product
- Fast and effortless installation by professional crews
- Attractive exterior in a variety of colors and styles

Global Therm • 5897 State Hwy 59 • Goodman, MO 64843
Ph: 417.845.5588 • Fax: 417.845.5592 • www.globaltherm.com

ARE YOU REDI?

You’re Either REDI Or You’re Not.
New Knauf Redi-Klad™ 1000° Pipe Insulation is REDI to take on your outdoor applications. It comes with a factory-applied zero-perm jacket and ready to install with a self-sealing lap. There are no rivets, special tools or fabrication required and it’s totally weatherproof. Just place it, tape it and you’re done with no sharp edges. And repairing Knauf REDI-KLAD is a snap. You just tape it up and the repair is complete. Are you REDI to save time and money? Visit www.RediKlad.com.
It is with sadness that we inform you of the death of Elmer C. Mittler. Elmer passed away on Thursday, November 4, 2010, at the age of 83. Elmer was a long-time MICA member having served as our 23rd President in 1979–1980.

Elmer entered the insulation industry on November 1, 1952, as superintendent of construction for Insulation and Materials Corp. He served as superintendent, salesman, and in purchasing before becoming president of the company.

Elmer was an active member of the St. Louis Master Insulators, serving as President and Chairman of the Trade Board for several years. As chairman of the trade board, he negotiated the labor contracts with Local #1. He also negotiated the Teamster contractors for the insulating industry.

Elmer was a very active and progressive member of MICA. He served on the first MICA Manual Committee and was Chairman of the Labor Committee. When he left Insulating and Materials to start his new company, Industrial Construction and Engineering, he immediately joined MICA with his new company. He was instrumental in establishing the Merit Shop Committee of MICA and served as Chairman of the Committee.

I will always remember Elmer as the ruddy faced, gravely voiced, cigar smoking chairman of the MICA Labor Committee. It was at the Labor Committee meeting during the June 1984 MICA convention that I first witnessed Elmer in action. Some of his comments regarding the relationships with the union business agents had a lasting impression on me. Elmer and his wife, Mary, welcomed Cindy and I to MICA back in 1984. Elmer was a tremendous aid to me as I “learned” about MICA and its relationship with union labor. For those of us who knew Elmer, he will be missed.

Elmer is survived by his sons Michael, Thomas, Chuck, Paul; daughters Ann, Nancy, and Carol, 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Memorials to the St. Vincent De Paul Society, a charity of your choice, or letters of sympathy may be sent to the family in care of Pittman Funeral Home, P.O. Box 248, Wentzville, MO 63385.
More Cover for Your Dollar

To get the highest quality fiberglass pipe insulation at the lowest price, order from einsulation®

Invest your dollars wisely when buying fiberglass and mineral wool pipe insulation. Einsulation® brand fiberglass and mineral wool pipe insulation is shipped directly to your warehouse.

Our top quality ASJ and SSL are made in the USA.

Call today to place your order.

For technical binders, samples and to order: 1-800-318-4572
sales@einsulation.com • www.einsulation.com

Your Customers Are Concerned About...
Corrosion Under Insulation (CUI)

NDTSeals.com
800.261.6261

Specialists in Low-Temperature Insulation
No job too big or small.
(800) 624-3043
www.cookbro.com

- XPS®, TRYMER® & FOAMGLAS®
- Accessories for all insulation jobs.
- Metal jacketing with Polysurlyn & safety hem.
- We stock aluminum fittings.
- We stock RG-2400.

Custom fabrication of rigid insulation into shapes and sizes for all kinds of pipes, fittings, valves, vessels and specialty heads.

K.C. (816) 421-6300
Fax: (816) 842-4031
(Continued from page 14)

ditions may have weighed heavily on the decline. Specifically, a decrease in employment and total hours worked, especially in construction and manufacturing, has led to fewer workers exposed to safety and health hazards in the workplace”.

“As the economy improves, more Americans back on the job could potentially lead to easily preventable work-related injuries and illnesses. OSHA's challenge, and therefore America's challenge, is to remain vigilant and keep the health and safety of America's workers a priority, for no job is a good job unless it's a safe job.”

CALL FOR PAPERS: MECHANICAL INSULATION EXPERTISE WANTED

The National Insulation Association (NIA) has issued a call for technical papers for its 56th Annual Convention in Tucson, Arizona, March 23-26, 2011. NIA’s Annual Convention is the premier event of the mechanical insulation industry, attracting contractors, distributors, fabricators, laminators, and manufacturers to its unique educational and networking sessions.

NIA encourages the submission of technical papers on any aspect of mechanical insulation case studies, research, or innovations. All papers must be product-generic, not promoting a particular product or company.

Technical papers will be eligible to form the basis of articles in NIA’s flagship publication Insulation Outlook, which reaches more than 11,500 mechanical engineers, architects, facility owners/managers, and specifiers, in addition to NIA’s membership.

Technical papers must be submitted electronically to publisher@insulation.org by Wednesday, January 5, 2011. After review by NIA’s Technical Information Committee, notification of acceptance or rejection will be given by Tuesday, February 1, 2011.

FUTURE MICA MEETING DATES

Winter Board and Committee Meetings — January 20 — 23, 2011, Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas.

54th Annual Spring Convention — June 19 — 22, 2011, The Four Seasons Hotel St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri.

Fall 2011 Annual Fall Business Meeting — October 19 & 20, 2011, Embassy Suites Downtown, Omaha, NE.
CSI BOARD Endorses ConsensusDOCS Documents

Washington D.C. – On October 16, 2010 the Construction Specifications Institute’s (CSI) Board of Directors officially endorsed six ConsensusDOCS contract documents. CSI joined the ConsensusDOCS® coalition in spring 2010 to contribute in the creation of best practices for construction documentation and communication. CSI participated in drafting sessions as an equal member. The CSI Technical Committee reviewed six documents for adherence to CSI principles, and recommended endorsement of those documents.

“CSI is proud to actively participate in creating contract documents that adhere to CSI technical principles and can benefit our members,” states Walter Marlowe, CSI Executive Director. “CSI’s participation with the ConsensusDOCS coalition aligns nicely with our mission of advancing building information management and education of project teams to improve facility performance. We look forward to continuing our work with the coalition on behalf of the CSI membership.”

“CSI’s contributions as an organization of design and construction professionals interested in improving facility performance further diversify an industry-wide effort to get better project results through better contracts,” says Brian Perlberg, Executive Director and Counsel of ConsensusDOCS. He added, “Their input helped write a better contractual foundation for today’s evolving design and construction industry.”

ConsensusDOCS will be publishing revised editions of its core agreement on January 19, 2011. CSI has endorsed:

- ConsensusDOCS 200 – Agreement and General Conditions Between Owner and Constructor
- ConsensusDOCS 221 – Contractor’s Statement of Qualifications
- ConsensusDOCS 240 – Agreement Between Owner and Design Professional and General Conditions
- ConsensusDOCS 420 – Agreement Between Design-Builder and Design Professional and General Conditions
- ConsensusDOCS 703 – Purchase Agreement for Non-commodity Goods by a Contractor
- ConsensusDOCS 750 – Agreement Between Constructor and Subcontractor

CSI is a national association of more than 13,000 members (including specifiers, architects, engineers, contractors, facility managers, product representatives, manufacturers, and owners) working collaboratively to improve facility performance. For more information, please visit www.csinet.org.

Ideal Products Acquires “Elbow” Assets of Sproule Manufacturing

Ideal Products is pleased to announce that it is acquiring all of the “Elbow” assets of Sproule Manufacturing Co., Inc. of Malvern, PA. The closing is expected to take place on or before November 16, 2010, and the company’s name will be changed to Ideal Products of America LP. Between now and the closing date, it will be business as usual and you will continue to hear from your Sproule staff representatives and/or Ideal Products purchasing representatives.

Sproule (SMC) manufactures Large Bore Pressed Aluminum Elbows, a full line of numbered aluminum pressed elbows and AA Weather Jacs™. Along with the assets and trademarks associated with Sproule’s elbow business, Ideal Products will install machinery in the new company to fabricate metal jacketing to better satisfy customers’ time sensitive orders.

In addition, Ideal Products is pleased that all current employees of SMC’s elbow business will be joining Ideal Products America. Both Gary Sproule and George Bauer will be spending significant time over the next 12 months to ensure a smooth transition from SMC to Ideal Products of America and will continue thereafter to assist with the new company’s growth.

Patrick S. Tasson Joins Industrial Insulation Group

Industrial Insulation Group, LLC (IIG) a leading manufacturer of insulation products for industrial and commercial markets worldwide, is pleased to announce that Patrick Tasson has accepted the position of Western Regional Manager. With a background in sales and marketing for building materials in the Western US, Canada, Mexico and South America, Patrick has a record of sales achievement with specifications orientation.

Based in the Los Angeles area, Tasson will report to Kevin MacKinnon, Vice President, Business Development. “We are confident that Pat’s skills and penchant for success will be truly beneficial for IIG and all of our stakeholders” says MacKinnon. Tasson is a graduate of California State University at Long Beach, is multilingual and is accomplished in the martial arts.
Venture Tape® ASJ & FSK Squares - the Professional Choice

- Slit squares on release paper liner for ease of application; neater, save time over field cutting.
- Squares provide a ready and efficient vapor seal over washers and cupped head pins.
- Squares have far greater surface contact than round discs.
- CW – Cold weather acrylic adhesive system combines very high quick stick at normal temperatures with superior low temperature performance.

1542CW-SQ (White)
ASJ Vapor Seal Squares
Same U.L. Classified material as Venture Tape No. 1540; White Kraft/Scrim/Foil, tri-directionally reinforced with fiberglass scrim. For use down to –10°F (–23°C). 500/roll.

1528CW-SQ (Foil)
FSJ Vapor Seal Squares
Same U.L. Classified material as Venture Tape No. 1525; Foil/Scrim/Kraft, tri-directionally reinforced with fiberglass scrim. For use down to –10°F (–23°C). 500/roll.

Call today for Free Sample!
800-343-1076
www.venturetape.com