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Viega MegaPress® Stainless and MegaPress CuNi Recently Added to Approved List by the American Bureau of Shipping and United States Coast Guard

Viega piping system and couplings now available in a full line of materials for use throughout the entire vessel.

BROOMFIELD, Colorado – August 2018 – Viega, a global leader in mechanically attached pipe fittings (MAFs) for the maritime industry, recently obtained a type approval from the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) and an acceptance letter from the United States Coast Guard (USCG) for its Viega MegaPress® Stainless and MegaPress CuNi piping systems. These join Viega's previously approved MegaPress and MegaPressG systems for use with carbon steel and galvanized pipe, providing a full line of materials—carbon steel, galvanized, stainless and copper nickel.

With the new approvals, Viega MegaPress Stainless and MegaPress CuNi products can be specified throughout an ABS-classed vessel for applications that include hydronic heating, compressed air, fire sprinkler, cooling water, low-pressure steam, fuel, lube and hydraulic oil.

Viega MegaPress CuNi is a 90/10 copper nickel press fitting system designed for use with Class 200 and schedule 40 copper nickel pipe. MegaPress CuNi has low biofouling properties and resists seawater corrosion to ensure reliable performance. Available in 304 and 316 stainless steel, Viega MegaPress Stainless is for connections with Iron Pipe Size (IPS) stainless steel and is approved for use with Schedule 5 to Schedule 40 pipe.

All of Viega's approved press fitting systems provide key benefits for marine and offshore applications by replacing traditional pipe joining methods like welding and threading. Shipbuilders are able to avoid excessive costs by eliminating hot work permits and fire watches. Connections can be made while the vessel is at sea, making it easier and more cost effective to perform permanent emergency repairs. Other trades can also work around the pipe installations, effectively expediting the entire project.

Viega's press fitting systems are installed using a hand-held hydraulic tool that gives the installer the ability to press connections in seconds, which can reduce installation time by up to 90 percent when compared to welding and threading. Another significant advantage to using Viega press technology is the ability to make installation and repair connections both wet and dry.

“With the additional approvals to use Viega MegaPress Stainless and MegaPress CuNi throughout the vessel, shipbuilders now have the capabilities for fast, easy and flexible pipe

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installation in multiple materials, minimizing downtime and reducing costs across the board,” said Paul Switzer, technical manager, shipbuilding and offshore, at Viega.

Viega offers training and technical support to teach shipyards, marine engineers and owner operators how to convert to press technology. Viega MegaPress fittings are available in both metric and U.S. inch size applications. Viega fittings for marine are tested and comply with the International Association of Classification Societies, so the engineering approvals are already completed.

For more information regarding Viega’s approvals, please contact insidesales@viega.us.

About Viega:

The Viega Group, with a tradition of innovation for more than 115 years, has more than 4,000 employees worldwide and is among the leading manufacturers of pipe fitting installation technology. In metal press systems for industrial, commercial and residential projects, the company is the global market leader. In the U.S., Viega LLC employs more than 600 people and offers more than 3,000 products. These include Viega ProPress® for copper and stainless, Viega MegaPress® for carbon steel and stainless pipe, the Viega PureFlow® System including PEX and fittings in high-performance polymer and Zero Lead bronze, as well as MegaPress CuNi and SeaPress® systems for marine applications. Viega also specializes in the design, production and installation of ProRadiant heating and cooling systems, and offers In-Wall Flushing Technology including carriers and flush plates. For more information, visit viega.us.

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