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PPIC to Showcase Latest Leak Detection Technology for Nuclear Power Plants at the Electric Power Research Institute Buried Pipe Integrity Group Meeting.

PPIC completes 100 power plant inspections and provides utilities with vital information about the condition of their water pipelines.

Mississauga, ON – February 9, 2010 - As the challenges associated with aging water pipelines continue to increase in many parts of the world, the Pressure Pipe Inspection Company (PPIC) will be showcasing its advanced condition assessment and leak detection solutions for nuclear power plants at the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI); Buried Pipe Integrity Group Meeting on February 16, 2010.

Ensuring the integrity of these water pipelines is critical to the operation of nuclear power plants as failures could lead to downtime, damage to plant infrastructure or environmental concerns.

PPIC inspection services have been trusted by the power industry for over a decade and have been used in 100 water pipeline inspections to date. The experience gained has allowed PPIC to provide the most accurate results to the industry about the structural integrity of water pipelines. Weak points within a pipeline can be pinpointed with very high accuracy for a variety of pipe materials including prestressed concrete cylinder pipe (PCCP), cast iron, steel, plastic and polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipes.

Showcased technologies:

PipeDiver™ has been specifically designed for use in PCCP lines that are live or can't be taken out of service due to a lack of redundancy or operational constraints. PipeDiver™ provides accurate condition assessment of critical infrastructure, specifically detecting prestressing wire breaks that could lead to pipe ruptures. Compared to alternative methods of condition assessment, the PipeDiver™ solution offers a significant cost savings as the pipeline remains in service, eliminating the need for de-watering and service shutdown.

The Sahara® water pipeline inspection system is an in-line, condition assessment tool that can detect water leaks as small as 0.004 gal/min while the pipeline remains in service. Water leaks can be located and confirmed in real time to within 18 inches of the damaged section of the pipe. The Sahara® platform is also capable of conducting video inspections to visually confirm the condition of the inside of the pipeline.

ECAT™ technology and analysis can predict the remaining useful life of metallic pipelines. Both internal and external corrosion can be identified and measured, providing accurate information for both repair and replacement programs.



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About PPIC

A world leader in large diameter water and wastewater pipeline condition assessment, the Pressure Pipe Inspection Company (PPIC) offers forward looking solutions to help customers address aging infrastructure challenges in a reliable and cost effective manner. Our innovative services pinpoint damaged sections of a pipeline to help optimize infrastructure investments, stop leaks, reduce risk and ensure compliance. PPIC has inspected over 6,500 miles of critical pipeline assets over the past decade. For more information, visit <http://www.ppic.com/>.

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