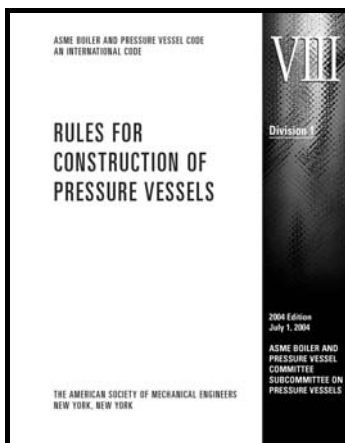




ASME INKS PACT WITH ORIENT PACIFIC FOR CHINA TRAINING

SHANGHAI, China – ASME has licensed Orient Pacific, Ltd. of Shanghai, China to provide training and professional development services for individuals and companies in China using ASME approved training materials. Training programs will be focused on the pressure equipment manufacturing markets in both nuclear and non-nuclear applications, starting with Sections III and VIII of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code.

“The number of ASME accredited manufacturers in China has doubled in the last 2½ years” said Mark Sheehan, Managing Director of Development at ASME. *“Meetings with Chinese industry and government ministries have indicated a great need for training on the use of ASME Standards in China. This agreement with Orient Pacific, Ltd is the first step in providing training to the growing number of engineers and professionals who are using ASME Standards in China.”*



Under the terms of the licensing agreement, Orient Pacific will undertake the task of translating the instructor and student materials into Chinese language and developing local instructors in China using their highly regarded performance based training technology. ASME approved Training seminars and workshops will be offered both publicly and privately throughout China in both English and Chinese languages.

“The importance of this licensing agreement with ASME cannot be overstated,” commented Orient Pacific’s Managing Director Todd Fleckenstein. *“With the recent growth of ASME manufacturer certifications in China, a significant vacuum in training and professional development has been created. Utilizing 30 years of hands-on working experience to the international pressure equipment markets, and local presence here in China, Orient Pacific is uniquely situated to fill the void. Using the tools provided by these licensed programs we will work diligently to ensure the qualification of engineers, quality managers, inspection and testing personnel and others are brought up to the levels expected by the international marketplace.”*

The schedules and other specific details will soon be available on both organizations’ websites. Additional information is available immediately by contacting Orient Pacific direct at training@orienpacific.com.

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