

Northwest Pipe Company Announces Plans to Permanently Close Its Denver Water Transmission Facility

VANCOUVER, WA -- (Marketwired) -- 07/12/16 -- Northwest Pipe Company (NASDAQ: NWPX) announced plans today to make a permanent reduction in its steel water pipe production capacity by closing its Denver, Colorado facility, which represents approximately 20% of the Company's steel water pipe capacity. Production at the facility is scheduled to conclude in the fourth quarter of 2016 with final shipments planned into the first quarter of 2017. The Company plans on selling the property and expects the sale to be completed by year-end 2017.

"This difficult decision was driven primarily by the need to address the significant imbalance between production capacity and demand in the steel water pipe market. The smaller footprint will allow us to sharpen our focus on margin over tons and reduce costs, while we maintain a leading market share," said Scott Montross, Northwest Pipe Company's President and CEO. "However, making the decision to close a production facility is always very difficult due to the impact on the employees and their families."

About Northwest Pipe Company

Northwest Pipe Company is the largest manufacturer of engineered steel pipe water systems in North America. With eight Water Transmission manufacturing facilities, the Company is positioned to meet North America's growing needs for water and wastewater infrastructure. The Company serves a wide range of markets and their solution-based products are a good fit for applications including: water transmission, plant piping, tunnels, and river crossings. The Company is headquartered in Vancouver, Washington and has manufacturing facilities across the United States and one manufacturing facility in Mexico.

Forward-Looking Statements

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