

Northwest Pipe Company Ordered to Temporarily Close Plant Operations in Mexico U.S. based plants continue to operate

VANCOUVER, Washington, April 07, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Northwest Pipe Company (Nasdaq: NWPX), an industry leader of engineered pipeline systems for water infrastructure, announced it has been ordered to close its water infrastructure manufacturing facility in San Luis Rio Colorado ("SLRC"), Mexico, through April 30, 2020 as a result of mandates made by Mexican authorities that companies that do not carry out essential activities must suspend business operations in order to combat and eradicate the existence and transmission of coronavirus disease 2019.

A United States government agency is administering the construction of a major water infrastructure project that relies on steel pressure pipe being produced at the SLRC plant. The Company is currently working with that agency to make appeals to State and Federal authorities in Mexico to ensure they consider the importance of this project. The Company's goal is to convince the Mexican authorities that the Company's manufacturing is essential.

"The safety of all our employees has always been our first priority. We are also very aware of our responsibility to provide critical water transmission systems and are disappointed in the Mexican government's stance on the essential nature of our business," said Scott Montross, President and CEO of Northwest Pipe Company. "We hope that our efforts to convey the critical role that our SLRC facility plays will become apparent to the Mexican government and look forward to re-opening the facility as soon as possible. In the meantime, we are fortunate to have other production locations that can be deployed as necessary to satisfy future orders while production is disrupted at SLRC. The Company intends to continue to operate our plants in the United States that are producing critical water infrastructure products."

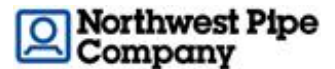
About Northwest Pipe Company – Founded in 1966, Northwest Pipe Company is the largest manufacturer of engineered steel water pipeline systems in North America. The Company produces high-quality engineered steel water pipe, bar-wrapped concrete cylinder pipe, Permalok® steel casing pipe, precast and reinforced concrete products through Geneva Pipe and Precast, as well as custom linings, coatings, joints, and one of the largest offerings of fittings and specialized components in North America. Northwest Pipe Company provides solution-based products for a wide range of markets including water transmission and infrastructure, water and wastewater plant piping, trenchless technology, and piping rehabilitation. Strategically positioned to meet growing water and wastewater infrastructure needs, the Company is headquartered in Vancouver, Washington, and has manufacturing facilities across North America. Please visit www.nwpipe.com for more information.

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