



TCE – FREE MANUFACTURING December 4, 2008

Superior Tube Company, Inc. (“STC”) has a long-standing commitment to the Commonwealth and to the communities surrounding STC’s Collegeville plant. Our first priority is the health, safety and welfare of its employees, its neighbors, and the general public. Our plant operates in full compliance with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations and permits relating to regulated substances.

Historically, trichloroethylene (“TCE”) has been essential to the manufacture of small diameter, highest-quality fabricated metal tubing. This tubing has critical applications in numerous products, from life-saving heart stents to nuclear power generating equipment, to America’s most advanced military aircraft and naval vessels.

STC and its affiliated companies in the U.S. and in the U.K, conducted research to identify viable alternatives to TCE in its manufacturing and to reducing TCE emissions. As a result, TCE emissions were significantly reduced (more than 50% overall) during 2007. In 2008, after more than four years of research and development efforts, STC removed TCE from its manufacturing operations and now operates using n-Propyl Bromide (“nPB”), a substance approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection; and endorsed by third party environmental advocacy groups. In STC’s operations, nPB is proving to be a reliable, environmentally-desirable, and equally effective substitute for TCE.