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W&O Employees Race from Gulf-to-Atlantic Coasts in Ragnar Relay Race



JACKSONVILLE, Fla., November 18, 2008 – W&O, the nation’s largest supplier of marine valves, pipe, fittings, engineered products and valve automation systems, is proud to announce that twelve employees, including its CEO and members of senior leadership, participated in the Ragnar Relay Race from Nov. 14-15 between Clearwater and Daytona Beach, Fla.

“As a company, we’ve always been focused on fitness and overall wellness by providing our employees with opportunities to take part in company-sponsored physical activities and fitness programs,” said Jack Guidry, President and CEO of W&O. “Our ‘W&O: We Are Fit’ employee program is a perfect example of how W&O advocates employee fitness, and how taking part in events like the Ragnar Relay allows our employees to express themselves physically.”

The Ragnar Relay drew more than 700 people to the Clearwater area for the 194-mile trek to Daytona Beach. Teams included either six or twelve runners who each ran three legs of the race, totaling to an average of 16 miles of running per team member. Team members alternated running in intervals from relay point to relay point.

“Events like these really make me feel alive,” said Alex Piquer, W&O relay team member and Manager of W&O’s Engineered Products & Services Division. “I’ve participated in many relays, marathons and triathlons over the years, yet this was a very unique experience. I’ve been proud to be a part of the W&O: We Are Fit program for years and have done what I can to help involve other employees, advance the program and help the W&O employees continue to take part in these kinds of events.”

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Twelve W&O employees took part in the race, including senior leadership at the company. The team included Jack Guidry, President & CEO; Peter Osterman; Steve Stafford; Alex Piquer; Sandy White; Rogier Blokdijk; Kyle Posey; Lisa Collins; Carl Herman; Mike Page; Art Parrish and Colin Luke.

The W&O: We Are Fit program combines individual and group activities that incorporate educational material to engage employees in physical fitness and overall wellness. The program involves health checks/seminars, fitness competitions and sponsorship programs. Employees from all of W&O’s 15 locations take part in the We Are Fit program within their individual communities.

For more information about the Ragnar Relay, visit <http://www.ragnarrelay.com/>.

ABOUT W&O

Founded in 1975, W&O is the nation’s largest supplier of valves, pipe, fittings, engineered products and automated valve systems for the marine and offshore industries. Headquartered in Jacksonville, Florida the company has 15 nationwide stocking locations and one international location in Belgium. W&O is committed to providing integrated solutions for the marine industry including the U.S. Navy, commercial shipping companies, barge owners, cruise companies, offshore industry and shipyards all across North America and Europe. For more information about W&O, visit www.wosupply.com.

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