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ALEX PIQUER TO LEAD W&O ENGINEERED PRODUCTS AND AUTOMATION DIVISION

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., December 18, 2007 – W&O, the nation’s largest supplier of marine valves, pipe, fittings, engineered products and valve automation solutions, announces a new hire to support the company’s rapid growth as it expands into new markets and further develops its relationships with existing markets. Alex Piquer joins W&O as the new Manager, Engineered and Automation Products.

W&O’s engineered and automation products provide specialized solutions for the marine industry and are designed with leading-edge technology to reduce installation time, reduce weight and lower lifetime maintenance costs.

Prior to joining W&O, Piquer served as the Optimization Systems Manager at Voith Paper Automation. There, he led the business development of advanced process control products and services, which utilize software to monitor and control complex manufacturing processes. Piquer also previously worked at Wharton-Smith Inc., managing water and wastewater construction projects in Florida and the Caribbean.

“Alex’s experience brings W&O a greater ability to understand our customers’ needs and his expertise will advance our efforts to offer new products and solutions,” said Sam Entriiken, Vice President, Sales and Marketing for W&O. “I am delighted he has joined us.”

Piquer holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and a Masters of Business Administration, both from the University of Florida. Additionally, he is a registered Professional Engineer, an Association of Energy Engineers Certified Energy Manager and a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

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Photo of Alex Piquer available upon request.

ABOUT W&O

W&O, a division of Pon Equipment + Power Systems, 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 14 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.

ABOUT PON

Pon is an international trading group engaged in a wide variety of activities, which can be divided into two overall groups: Pon Automotive and Pon Equipment + Power Systems. We supply products which complement each other in terms of type and quality. Pon employs over 9,000 people at some 500 branches distributed throughout eleven countries.

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