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Welded Tube Expanding In Welland

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Welland – The City of Welland will be home to Welded Tube of Canada's ("WTC") new pipe heat treating operation in the fall of this year.

"Welded Tube is continually building on its strategy to grow its presence in energy tubular products as well as tapping into the expanding needs of the oil and gas well drilling business, and we are happy to bring part of this business in the form of manufacturing for the oil and gas sector to Welland", says J.E. Fry, Senior Manager, Energy Tubulars for Welded Tube of Canada.

As a result of oil and gas well drilling techniques changing from conventional vertical wells to those involving sophisticated approaches to tap tight gas (shale) formations, including horizontal and lateral casing strings, there is growing demand for high collapse and high burst well casings particularly in the Marcellus and Utica shales. In order to meet this demand, WTC has entered into contracts for the design and installation of an oil and gas well casing and tubing heat treating facility, which will be located in Welland.

Dan Degazio, Welland's Manager of Economic Development is more than happy to be sharing in WTC's exciting news. "WTC has purchased the former Shaw Pipe facility located at 191 Ridge Road, with plans for a 30,000 square foot expansion that they plan to have operational by late fall of this year. It's certainly welcome news that the facility will be operating again soon, and even more welcome is the anticipated new employment opportunities for the community."

WTC's Welland facility will produce 125,000 net tons per year of various sizes of alloy casing and tubing in several grades. The complex will include state of the art inspection equipment and will provide premium threaded product in accordance with customer requirements.

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About Welded Tube: WTC is a Canadian owned pipe and tube producer with annual production capacity exceeding 400,000 net tons per year. Products manufactured include: Hollow Structural Sections, Mechanical Tube, Oil Country Tubular Goods and Line Pipe. WTC's facilities are located in Welland, Ontario; Concord, Ontario; Port Colborne, Ontario; Berkley, South Carolina; and Delta, Ohio. WTC is an ISO 9001:2000 and API Q1 registered producer of quality tubular products.

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