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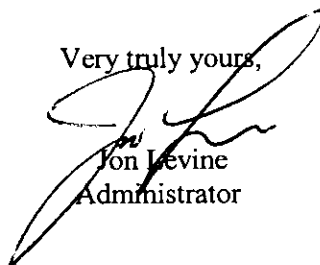
**Re: Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union No. 9 Pension Plan
Notice of Endangered Status**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Notice of Endangered Status for the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union No. 9 Pension Plan for the plan year beginning July 1, 2008.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Jon Levine
Administrator

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**Notice of Endangered Status
For
Plumbers & Pipefitters Local Union No. 9 Pension Plan**

This is to inform you that on September 24, 2008 the plan actuary certified to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and also the Board of Trustees, that the Plumbers & Pipefitters Local Union No. 9 Pension Plan is in endangered status for the plan year beginning July 1, 2008. Federal law requires that you receive this notice.

Background

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 ("PPA") imposes new rules on all single employer and multiemployer defined benefit pension plans intended to improve their funding status. The law has established three zones for plans with funding problems – endangered, seriously endangered, and critical. A plan is in endangered status if it is less than 80% funded or the plan is projected to have a funding deficiency within 7 years. A plan is in seriously endangered status if it is less than 80% funded and the plan is projected to have a funding deficiency within 7 years. A plan is in critical status if (1) it is less than 65% funded and with a projected funding deficiency within 5 years, or the inability to pay benefits within 7 years, or (2) it has a projected funding deficiency within 4 years, or an inability to pay benefits within 5 years, regardless of its funded percentage, or (3) it has benefits for inactives that are greater than for actives, contributions that are less than carrying cost and a funding deficiency projected within 5 years.

Endangered Status

The Plumbers & Pipefitters Local Union No. 9 Pension Plan is considered to be in endangered status because its funded percentage was less than 80%. More specifically, the plan's actuary determined that the plan's funded percentage was 76% as of July 1, 2008. This reduced funding level is the result of extremely volatile and negative stock market returns with the S&P 500 Stock Index returning -13.1% for the 12 months ending June 30, 2008. The Trustees of the Pension Fund want to assure you that they are taking the necessary steps to bring the funding level of the Plan above 80% and out of endangered status.

Funding Improvement Plan

Federal law requires pension plans in endangered status to adopt a funding improvement plan (FIP) aimed at restoring the financial health of the plan. While a formal FIP will be adopted by the Plan Trustees later this year, the employer contribution rate increases from \$6.52 per hour to \$6.72 per hour, effective July 1, 2008, and to \$7.02 per hour effective January 1, 2009 are intended to satisfy this requirement.

Where to Get More Information

For more information about this notice, you may contact I.E. Shaffer & Co., P.O. Box 1028, Trenton, N.J. 08628-0230. Telephone number (800) 792-3666. You have the right to receive a copy of the funding improvement plan from the Plan after it is adopted by the Plan Trustees later this year.