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Bodycote creates a new global plastic pipe testing group

Further to its recent acquisition of UK based Pipeline Developments Limited (PDL), Bodycote Materials Testing has formed a new grouping of 3 of its specialist laboratories, including Bodycote PDL. Swedish laboratory Bodycote Polymer A/B and Chicago based Bodycote Broutman Inc are the two other member of this influential grouping, which are now marketing their skills and resources through a new name, Bodycote Plastic Piping Group.

The three laboratories have complementary skills and experience in the field of plastic piping technology,. The grouping of these 3 highly respected businesses forms a powerful resource in support of the plastic piping industry, covering all aspects from new material research, development, approval and pipe manufacture through to installation and operation.

- Bodycote Polymer operates the world's largest plastic pipe testing laboratory, offering over 4,500 test positions for hydrostatic pressure testing. The laboratory works internationally with resin producers, manufacturers and utility companies. The life-time testing of plastic piping systems for sensitivity to chlorinated water is a particular strength. With the laboratory in Sweden and expanding capacity in North America, coupled with it's key technical staff, the group is recognised as the world leaders in this technology. Contact: Ulrika Andersson, andersson.u@bodycotepolymer.com
- Bodycote PDL has an excellent reputation, most notably in serving the UK water and other utility companies with support in the area of asset quality assurance, inspection, testing and materials/design advice. PDL's employees are highly qualified and widely experienced in pipeline technology. An in-house laboratory, providing creep, pressure, tensile and other mechanical and chemical tests, is invaluable in supporting project work. Contact: Steve MacKeller, mackeller.s@bodycote-mt.com
- Bodycote Broutman in Chicago, already serves a US and global client base with specialist testing and pipeline consultancy services. This laboratory has been serving the plastic piping industry for over 20 years in polymer analysis and materials evaluation, product design and development, fatigue and environmental effects, and failure analysis. Contact: Dale Edwards, dedwards@bodycoteusa.com.

Business enquiries can be directed to any member of the new grouping. Bodycote's state of the art information technology systems are being harnessed in ensuring excellent cross-group co-ordination and the exchange of information.

Bodycote Materials Testing Group operates 42 independent materials testing laboratories around the world. Amongst a multitude of other services provided to the pipeline sector are sour service corrosion testing, fracture mechanics testing, fatigue testing, chemical analysis, large scale umbilical and pipeline tests, weld procedure testing, burst tests and routine mechanical testing.

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