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News Release

AVEM Members Gather at 2008 Annual Meeting in Boston

Oct. 13, 2008 (Falls Church, VA) Representatives from the Association of Vacuum Equipment Manufacturers will convene its Annual Meeting October 21, 2008, at the Sheraton Boston, Boston, Mass. The meeting is being held in conjunction with the AVS 55th International Symposium & Exhibition.

The meeting will include presentations from Richard Cowan, publisher and senior editor, *Vacuum Technology & Coating*, and Thomas G. Murphy, executive vice president, manufacturing and wholesale distribution, RSM McGladrey. Cowan will take a provocative look into the future of the vacuum systems and source manufacturing community. Murphy's presentation will examine a recent manufacturing and wholesale distribution survey. The results confirm the market turmoil imposed by current economic conditions, but also provide insights into growth and operational strategies industry executives are employing to maintain continued profitability.

Murphy will provide a second presentation, "Keeping Your Business Healthy during an Economic Downturn," during an AVEM Industry Networking Reception that same evening.

During the Annual Meeting, members will elect the Board of Directors for 2008-09. The Nominating Committee recommended the following slate: Steve Barker, vice president, sales & marketing, Vacuum Research Corporation (term ending 2009); Michael Delahunt, general manager, diffuse vacuum, Edwards (term ending 2009); Paul Donovan, vice president, marketing, A & N Corporation (term ending 2010); Jennifer Hammond, marketing manager, Polycold[®] Systems, Brooks Automation (term ending 2011); Ron Hooper, president, Huntington Mechanical Laboratories, Inc. (term ending 2011); and Dennis Pellegrino, president, Oerlikon Leybold Vacuum USA Inc.

The Association of Vacuum Equipment Manufacturers (AVEM) is the only non-profit U.S. association dedicated fully to companies that manufacture vacuum equipment and supplies that serve and advance vacuum science and technology. With more than 50 members, AVEM was founded in 1969 and is the only non-profit source for market data across the vacuum industry in North America.

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