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## **EDISON WELDING INSTITUTE JOINS AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF WELDING**

ATLANTA, GA., November 1, 2006 – The American Welding Society (AWS) and Edison Welding Institute (EWI) today announced that EWI has joined the American Council of the International Institute of Welding (IIW), a committee that includes AWS and the Welding Research Council (WRC) that represents the United States welding industry. The addition of EWI to the American Council enhances North America’s involvement and role in the IIW and strengthens its representation of the welding industry internationally.

The IIW is made up of nearly fifty member countries and provides a global forum for the exchange of information related to welding technologies and applications. The objectives of the American Council are to serve the United States welding industry and related joining technologies, with a focus on the advancement of welding research and technology, standards, codes and procedures. The Council is also responsible for the promotion and development of international welding standards that reflect the interests of the United States. The official signing of EWI’s induction took place at the 2006 Fabtech International & AWS Welding Show at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta.

“As a leading engineering and technology organization dedicated to welding and materials joining, we believe we will be an asset to this important council, and are looking forward to collaborating with these distinguished associations to continue to advance the international presence of the United States welding industry,” said EWI President Dr. Henry J. Cialone. “We take great pride in our involvement in the highly-respected IIW and are very enthusiastic about the opportunity to make continued contributions to the international materials joining industry.”

**About AWS:**

The American Welding Society (AWS) was founded in 1919 as a multifaceted, nonprofit organization with a mission to advance the science, technology and application of welding and allied joining and cutting processes, including brazing, soldering, and thermal spraying. Headquartered in Miami,

Florida, and led by a volunteer organization of officers and directors, AWS serves nearly 50,000 members worldwide and is composed of 22 Districts with more than 200 local Sections. Visit <http://www.aws.org> and click on “pressroom.”

**About EWI:**

Based in Columbus, Ohio, EWI is North America’s leading engineering and technology organization dedicated to welding and materials joining. EWI’s staff provides materials joining assistance, contract research, consulting services, and training to over 3,300 member company locations representing world-class leaders in the aerospace, automotive, defense, energy, government, heavy manufacturing, medical, and electronics industries. Visit <http://www.ewi.org>.

**About WRC:**

The Welding Research Council (WRC) was founded in 1935 as a not-for-profit association. Its members are comprised of science and engineering specialists who are committed to improving joining and pressure vessel technology and provide a forum for the exchange, evaluation, and dissemination of pertinent technical information. More than 1000 WRC projects, programs, and studies have been aimed at improving joining materials, design concepts, processes and procedures, inspection methods, codes, standards, and specifications. WRC publications concentrate on welding and pressure vessel research and provide specific recommendations based on validated technology. Visit <http://www.forengineers.org>.

**About IIW:**

Founded in 1948 as a non-profit organization, the International Institute of Welding (IIW) was created by a group of scientists and researchers to promote innovation and best joining practices. With nearly fifty member countries today, the Institute provides a global platform for the exchange and diffusion of evolving welding technologies and applications. The organization is driven by the combined synergy of thousands of experts who conduct and participate in IIW technical meetings, international congresses, assemblies and themed conferences. They also contribute articles and publications to share and compare their latest findings and actively further excellence in our field. Visit <http://www.iiw-iis.org>.

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