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Welspun Gujarat appoints Lauri Malkki as CEO

Mumbai, 22 March 2010: Welspun Gujarat Stahl Rohren Ltd. (WELSPUN), the flagship Company of the US\$ 3 billion Welspun Group and the 2nd largest Line Pipe Manufacturer in the World, today announced the appointment of Mr. Lauri Antero Malkki as its CEO.

Mr. Malkki has over 30 years of experience within the international steel and pipes industries. For more than 20 years he was the head of the middle European operations of the Rautaruukki Group, Finland.

Prior to joining now WELSPUN, Lauri Malkki was the managing director, responsible for the global sales, of Europipe GmbH in Germany. During this time he was a member of the board of a few of its affiliated companies like the BERG Steel Pipe Corp in the US, Europipe France S.A. and the Tubos Soldados Atlanticos (TSA) in Vittoria, Brazil.

Mr. Malkki's long experience lies in general management, leading people, M&As, strategic planning and to a great extent –sales and marketing. He will be based in WELSPUN's head office in Mumbai.

Speaking on his new position, Mr. Malkki said – "I am looking forward to my tenure at Welspun and work towards increasing the growth momentum the Company has maintained over the years and achieve global leadership position in welded pipes business. I will be delighted to see Welspun fulfill its dream to be the Most Respected and one of the largest Company in the World", he adds

About W.G.S.R.L.:

Welspun Gujarat Stahl Rohren started its activities in 1995 and since then has supplied pipes for some of the most prestigious projects including the World's deepest pipeline project in the Gulf of Mexico, U.S.A. and other critical projects across the globe. Welspun's state-of-the-art Plate and Pipe Plants are located in Dahej and Anjar in Gujarat, India. The Company has recently commissioned a World Class Pipe mill in Little Rock, Arkansas, U.S. The manufacturing facilities incorporate the hybrid JCO technology from Mannesmann Demag of Germany (SMS Meer). The company has been the leader in quality, innovation and technology. WGSRL is prepared to meet the growing demand and is in a position to meet the stringent requirements and standards of high grade line pipes.