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SPRI appoints new Technical Director

Waltham, MA, January 2007 — SPRI, the association representing sheet membrane and component suppliers to the commercial roofing industry, has announced that its Board of Directors has appointed Mike Ennis as Technical Director. Ennis brings more than 30 years of building and construction business experience to his new role, along with an emphasis on single-ply roofing technology.

Ennis is also a Registered Roof Consultant (RRC) with The Institute of Roofing, Waterproofing and Building Envelope Professionals (RCI). This international association of professional roof consultants provides RRC status to its members through a rigorous series of educational programming, testing and certification.

Since attending his first SPRI meeting in 1993, Ennis has served in many volunteer capacities. These activities include several years of service chairing various SPRI committees and task forces. He has also served as Technical Committee chair, and associate member of the Board of Directors, as well as 2004-2006 SPRI President.

Ennis will retire from his current position as Technical Leader for the North American Building and Construction Commercial Products business for The Dow Chemical Company in January.

Ennis replaces David L. Roodvoets, who has served as SPRI Technical Director for the past 11 years. Roodvoets began his association with SPRI soon after the group's formation in 1983 and worked on the committee that developed the landmark SPRI RP-4 document on ballasted roofing systems. After becoming active in SPRI's Technical Committee and several subcommittees, Roodvoets became Technical Director in 1995.

Employed by the Dow Chemical Company for 31 years as an associate development scientist, Roodvoets moved on to become Technical Director of T. Clear Corporation and worked on a variety of roofing-related projects. Roodvoets was instrumental in the development and approval of a number of SPRI/ANSI standards and represented SPRI as a member of the board of directors of RICOWI and the Cool Roof Rating Council, and at code meetings.

Over the next several months, Roodvoets will work closely with incoming Technical Director Ennis to ensure a smooth transition upon his retirement.

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