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Belzona, Inc. Announces a New Alternative for Surface Preparation

Miami, FL – (March 10, 2008) Belzona, Inc., a leading provider of coatings and repair composites announces their use of an alternative approach for surface preparation in instances when grit blasting is otherwise impossible - an innovative process referred to as bristle blasting. This method both removes corrosion and generates an anchor profile (also known as "anchor pattern") by utilizing a specially designed rotary bristle tool.

Although most major coating manufacturers prefer for a substrate to undergo abrasive grit blasting prior to coating yielding ideal results for product to surface adhesion, it is not always feasible. Lack of access, time, or money can preclude optimum surface preparation. Additionally, some coating applications are too small to warrant blasting. Until recently, these scenarios were often compromised with grinding techniques that suffer from low production rates and high worker fatigue while producing at best a lackluster anchor profile.

In an effort to acquire a substitute for surface preparation that does not greatly sacrifice quality or convenience, Belzona intensely researched and lab tested several alternatives. Belzona recently conducted full scale testing and has found that bristle blasting can meet SSPC SP-11 on most substrates. Production rates, while not fast enough to accommodate large coating applications, are acceptable and vastly superior to grinding. Overall, Belzona Inc. found bristle blasting to offer a very appealing alternative in situations where conventional open blasting is not possible.

About Belzona Inc.

As the manufacturer of industrial protective coatings and repair composites since 1952, Belzona provides a wide variety of solutions to rebuild, repair and maintain machinery, equipment and building structures. Belzona's local on-site Technical Consultants analyze the situation, recommend the solution, and supervise the application. With their Global Distribution Network covering over 120 countries and 24-hour Technical Support, Belzona is established in the forefront of industry by serving such markets as oil and gas, power, marine, and water/wastewater.