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## Variety Steel receives sole authorisation from Seah Steel

Variety Steel recently received sole authorisation for marketing and sales in the Republic of India from Seah Steel Corporation – stainless steel division, one of the world's largest producers of stainless steel welded pipes and tubes.

The products covered under this authorisation are stainless steel welded pipes and tubes; Duplex,

Super-Duplex welded pipes and tubes; and titanium welded tubes.

Production size range is 13.8 to 5,004mm outside diameter, and wall thickness from 0.5 to 128mm. Seah Steel's annual production capacity is 110,000mt per year.

The Seah brand is globally known for the quality of its stainless steel welded

pipes, but it had not previously been introduced into the Indian market.

“We would be focusing more on projects in India,” commented Bhavesh Chandan, Variety Steel's marketing and sales manager, “and would introduce and get approval for Seah's products from several end-users, EPC companies and project management consultants in India.”

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## ITA speaker award winners at Tube Düsseldorf 2012

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Every two years during Tube Düsseldorf the ITA recognises the important contribution that is made by speakers at its technical conferences held since the previous exhibition. The prestigious Professor Hugh Sansome Trophy, named after a founder member of the ITA and long-time chairman of the Technical Management Committee (TMC), is presented to the speaker considered by the Papers Awards Committee to have delivered the outstanding paper during the two year period.

The Speaker's Shield is awarded to the runner up as decided by the committee. The chairman of the TMC and the Awards Committee, Stephen Loynes, presented the trophies at the ITA's members' lunch on 28 March during Tube Düsseldorf. His remarks are reproduced below:

*“I am very pleased to tell you that 2011 was a very successful year for ITA conferences. The joint symposium with the Japanese Society for Plasticity in Osaka was a big success with a good number of serious technology papers. Our European conference in the Düsseldorf Congress Centre was also successful with a full conference hall. We will, I've no doubt, be coming back to Düsseldorf. The ITA is planning its next biennial conference in 2013 in St Petersburg.”*

*This year we are looking forward to the joint conference in June with the TPA in Nashville, USA. The ITA is also organising a one-day conference at the end of October in Mumbai before the Tube India exhibition.*

*It is very important that we explain the latest technology at our conferences. Please come forward with your papers. We promise to give a good balance of papers including industry overviews and commercial understanding of the tube industry.*

*year the Professor Hugh Sansome trophy goes to Fabio Lacapruccia. Fabio works for Danieli Centro Tubi as a sales manager. His winning paper was presented in 2011 at our conference here in Düsseldorf: ‘Four roll technology – new boundaries for hot rolling OD finishing’. He showed how they used simulation improving the mill performance and thus improve productivity and cost.*



Stephen Loynes (left) and Fabio Lacapruccia (right)

*The Speaker's Shield is given to encourage academic study in tube and roll forming technology. The prize was given to Matthias Hermes. He works at the Institute of Forming Technology and Lightweight Construction, Germany. His paper was entitled: ‘New flexible tube forming processes – tool independent forming of tubes to complex workpieces with workpiece-invariant tools’. This was also presented at the Düsseldorf conference.”*



Stephen Loynes (left) and Matthias Hermes (right)

Anyone wishing to obtain copies of the papers presented at the Pipe & Tube World Conference 2011 in Dusseldorf can order the proceedings CD-Rom from the ITA Secretariat.