

Skipper Pipes signs an exclusive MOU, with Indian Plumbing Skill Council to train 10,000 youths in the field of Plumbing

Kolkata, May 24, 2017: Skipper Limited (BSE: 538562) and NSE (Symbol: SKIPPER), is one of the world's leading manufacturers for power transmission & distribution structures and a significant player in water infrastructure of India. Under the brand name "Skipper Pipes" the company manufactures world class Polymer Pipes & Fittings, a household name in Plumbing. Today the company has signed an exclusive Memorandum of Understanding with Indian Plumbing Skill Council (IPSC) for training more than 10,000 youths with both urban & rural plumbing skills.

The MOU was signed in New Delhi, in presence of Mr. Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Indian Plumbing Skills Council representatives. The plumbing industry totally depends on its flag bearers, which are the plumbers. Their job roles revolves around understanding the mechanics of all the sanitation and plumbing systems and should know if a particular problem is solvable or not. IPSC is playing an important role in vocational training of *plumbers*, providing recognition and certification to *Plumbers* in accordance to National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). In this exclusive association Skipper Pipes will fund IPSC; to train youths with modern day Plumbing skill sets so that they can adapt Plumbing as their profession and earn their livelihood. Training is absolutely necessary to initiate a successful career in Plumbing.

Commenting on the occasion, Mr. Devesh Bansal, Director, Skipper Limited said " We see it as an essential part of our corporate philosophy to offer training & develop skilled labor, thus enabling many young people to get a head start in their careers" Mr. Bansal further said "Since the inception of "Skipper Pipes", the company has developed extensive expertise in the realm of plumber training which helps us educate the bottom line work force about the latest techniques and maintain quality in their service".

He continued, "We all are honored to have Hon'ble Minister, Mr. Rudy, with us here. His presence affirms that our continuous endeavor to keep skill development as our key agenda is being recognized. It is indeed a motivation for all of us to further intensify our efforts in this area", he further added.

Hon'ble Minister, Mr. Rudy said "We want to make India the Skill Capital of the world, as envisaged by our Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi. An initiative of this stature would definitely bring us a step closer to the national goal. Plumbing till now has never been taken as a serious profession, however this will definitely change now and more youth will be trained with efficient plumbing skills for better public health and environment.

He also added "The initiative taken by Skipper Limited & IPSC is really credible and I am sure we will be able to create more such skilled manpower in this sector."

Skipper believes and duly understands the need of expert service with world class products to deliver superior customer experience in Plumbing needs. Besides, a social responsibility, Skipper regularly organizes Plumber Training workshops in association with National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) for providing skills to youth enabling them to earn livelihoods. The company also has an initiative of excellence "Skipper Saathi"

that, trains semi-skilled and unskilled plumbers. Through this initiative, the company aims to contribute to the growing requirement of trained manpower in plumbing and agricultural sectors. Also it lays foundation for other organized players to come forward and join the movement.

ABOUT SKIPPER LIMITED

Skipper Limited established in 1981 is one of the leading companies in the Power Transmission & Distribution and the Polymer Products segment. With over 35 years of domain knowledge it is ranked among the largest in India and among top 10 globally basis the manufacturing capacity of its Engineering products division. Skipper Limited is a national powerhouse in the Polymer Pipes & Fittings business. Under the brand name of 'Skipper', the company manufactures premium quality Polymer pipes which serve both the agricultural as well as plumbing sectors. In a short span of just 5 + years, it has established a cumulative production capacity of 48,000 MTPA. By the year 2019, Skipper aims to raise the manufacturing capacity to 100000 MTPA. The Company has a technological tie-up with Sekisui Chemicals of Japan, which provides Durastream Compound for manufacturing of CPVC Pipes. Recently the company has also joined hands with Wavin of Netherlands which positions the company nicely within the premium brand segment with a highly differentiated product line. Skipper boasts of 6 state-of-the-art Polymer Pipes & Fittings manufacturing facilities in Uluberia (WB), Ahmedabad (Gujarat), 2 nos. in Guwahati (Assam), Hyderabad (Telengana) & Sikandrabad (UP). Skipper has been awarded with several prestigious honors like the "Largest Tower Supplier" by PGCIL, Most Valuable Contribution to the Power Industry by Economic Times & The **No.1 Emerging Brand** in Polymer category by WCRC, India.

Skipper Limited is listed at BSE (538562) and NSE (Symbol: SKIPPER) in 2014 & 2015 respectively.

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