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RHP MECHANICAL SYSTEMS EARNS PINNACLE AWARD FROM NEVADA CHAPTER OF ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS

Specialty contractor recognized for "meeting the challenge of a difficult job"

RENO, Nev. (Dec. 8, 2008) – RHP Mechanical Systems was awarded top honors recently for "meeting the challenge of a difficult job" during the annual Nevada Chapter of Associated General Contractors (AGC) Pinnacle Awards ceremony. The specialty contractor received recognition for its work on Western Dairies, the first-ever project of its kind, which required nearly 18,000 hours of labor over a period of 16 months. The design process on the Dairy took more than 1,370 hours to interface more than 6.5 miles of piping contained within 86,000 square feet using 3-D Auto CAD software.

Because a project of this scope and magnitude had never before been completed, RHP Mechanical Systems was tasked with overcoming many obstacles while working on Western Dairies including a very limited timeline, transporting equipment to the site, staffing, and finding housing for workers because of the Dairy's rural location, approximately 95 miles outside of Reno, Nev. RHP also inventoried, set and rigged all mechanical and processing equipment, as well as constructed and welded all housing, piping and mechanical equipment on site.

"We've been fortunate to work on some very large and exciting projects over the last few years and Western Dairies certainly falls into that category," said Steve Scolari, president/CEO of RHP Mechanical Systems. "This project was a big challenge for us and we're very appreciative of the recognition given to us by the AGC for all of our hard work and effort."

Because of the mechanical system rigged and set by RHP inside the plant, Western Dairies has the ability to produce more milk, faster, and with less labor than traditional milk processing plants. This results in lower overhead for the plant, which is passed on to the supplier during the purchasing stage, which then provides a lower price to the consumer. Because of RHP's innovative design, piping layout and coordination at Western Dairies, the project is now being used as a template in other milk processing plants across the country.

The Nevada Chapter of AGC has recognized general and specialty contractors each year since 1999 with award entries for 2008 hitting an all-time high at 32. Specialty contractors receive Pinnacle awards in two categories: projects over \$500,000 and less than \$500,000. RHP received its award for Western Dairies in the "over \$500,000" category.

For more information on RHP Mechanical Systems, visit www.RHPInc.net or call 775-322-9434.

Locally owned and operated since 1950, RHP Mechanical Systems specializes in HVAC, plumbing, and mechanical systems ranging from home heating and air conditioners to complex industrial projects. RHP is a member of the U.S. Green Building Council.

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