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The Canadian Institute of Plumbing & Heating Requests that Inspections and Enforcement in Canada be Upheld

"Canada continues to be the envy of the world when it comes to our National Infrastructure of codes and standards. It is understood by everyone involved, it works and it does what it is supposed to do; safeguard the health of all Canadians", reports CIPH Chairman of the Board Barry Raycroft (Bardon Supplies Ltd.)

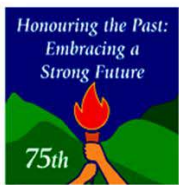
However one of the key challenges facing the industry is the lack of plumbing inspectors to uphold and enforce the system under their provincial and territorial requirements to ensure compliance. *[Source: The Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Institute recently conducted a questionnaire to determine the challenges facing the Provinces and Territories over the next three years.]*

The issue of an inadequate number of inspectors becomes more serious and has the potential to compromise public safety when you consider the following:

- a) housing starts will continue to exceed 200,000 units annually;
- b) renovation spending will continue to exceed \$40 billion annually of which 4% is attributed to plumbing;
- c) total value of building permits will continue to increase. On average it has been 9% year over year. Total annual dollar value is now over \$66 billion;
- d) increased activity of non-approved and counterfeit plumbing products entering the marketplace; and
- e) inspectors' increased workload.

CIPH along with its allied associates have written to all provinces and territories informing them that the Institute is prepared to work with their governments to establish task forces to find practical solutions to ensure that there are enough inspectors to meet current and future demand. CIPH believes in a government/industry partnership in our ongoing mutual efforts to ensure we safeguard Canadians from coast to coast.

The Canadian Institute of Plumbing & Heating is a not-for-profit trade association. Founded in 1933, the Institute is a vibrant organization committed to providing members with the tools for success in today's competitive environment. More than 260 companies are members of this influential Canadian industry association. They are the manufacturers, wholesaler distributors, master distributors, manufacturers' agents and allied companies who manufacture and distribute plumbing, hydronic heating, industrial PVF, waterworks and other mechanical products. CIPH wholesalers operate more than 600 warehouses and showrooms across Canada. CIPH members employ more than 10,000 Canadians and are an integral part of the Canadian economy. Total industry sales exceed \$4.6 billion annually.



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