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## **Viega LLC Welcomed as PMI's Newest Manufacturing Member**

Rolling Meadows, Ill. – August 21, 2015 – The Board of Directors of [Plumbing Manufacturers International \(PMI\)](#) has voted to approve [Viega LLC](#) as the newest manufacturing member of PMI. The announcement was made by PMI President Fernando Fernandez, Director of Codes and Standards, TOTO USA. Viega is the third member to be added this year, following [Similor AG](#) and [Franke](#), whose status as manufacturing members was announced in March. “We are delighted to welcome back Viega into PMI and look forward to their involvement with respect to association activities,” said Mr. Fernandez.

Viega manufactures pipe fitting and joining systems for plumbing and heating. [PMI membership](#) consists of both manufacturing and allied members, who together represent more than 90 percent of the nation’s market share of plumbing products. Participation in PMI affords members the opportunity to work with other manufacturers to effect positive changes in the industry. PMI projects a strong voice on legislative and regulatory matters, plumbing and building codes and standards, and water conservation and provides marketing and management information to its members and the industry.

“We have been active in a number of codes, standards and industry organizations for many years. PMI brings a new dimension to these efforts.” said Martin Knieps, director of technical marketing at Viega LLC. “We have significant interest in the issues PMI and its members address and look forward to actively contributing to the organization.”

Representatives from Viega attended last year’s PMI Conference as prospective members to see the [benefits](#) of PMI in action, prior to making their applications, and will participate this year at the [2015 PMI Conference](#) as full-fledged members. Eligible prospective members may attend a maximum of two PMI meetings as a non-member. In addition to the annual conferences, PMI hosts industry events and initiatives throughout the year including legislative fly-ins.

The year’s annual conference is scheduled for October 26-29, 2015 at the Hotel Contessa in San Antonio, Texas and will focus on “The Future of Water: Wins, Woes and Worries.” Prospective members interested in attending may contact PMI directly at 847-481-5500 or register online at [www.safeplumbing.org/2015conference](http://www.safeplumbing.org/2015conference). Please contact PMI for information about other current events.

Details about the benefits and value of membership, eligibility, and how to join and are available on the PMI website at <http://www.safeplumbing.org/pmi/join-us>.

### **About PMI**

Plumbing Manufacturers International is the voluntary, not-for-profit international industry association of manufacturers of plumbing products, serving as the Voice of the Plumbing Industry. Member companies produce about 90 percent of the nation’s plumbing products. As part of its mission, PMI advocates for plumbing product performance and innovation contributing to water savings, sustainability, public health and safety, and consumer satisfaction. For more information on PMI or its conferences, contact the organization at 1921 Rohlwing Road, Unit G, Rolling Meadows, IL, 60008; tel.: 847-481-5500; fax: 847-481-5501. Visit our website at [www.safeplumbing.org](http://www.safeplumbing.org).

### **About Viega**

Viega has been innovating and changing the landscape of pipe joining technology since 1899. Along with many other firsts in the industry, Viega was the first to manufacture pipe fittings that incorporate pressing technology, eliminating the need to solder or thread. Viega’s North American presence was formed in 1999 and introduced Viega Germany’s press technology to the U.S., Canada and Latin America. Viega North America offers products including copper, stainless steel and iron pipe press fittings along with a complete PEX plumbing system including water distribution manifolds, plastic tubing and plastic press fittings. The company continues to engineer forward-thinking products like hydronic heating and cooling systems. Today, just like 115 years ago, Viega continues to find solutions before industry even realizes they’re needed.

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