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A. O. SMITH FURTHERS ITS DEDICATION TO CONSERVATION AND INNOVATION WITH NEW PARTNERSHIP

ASHLAND CITY, Tenn. (August 26, 2008) – A. O. Smith Water Products has established a founding partnership with Green*Plumbers*® USA, an organization geared toward educating plumbers across the nation on how to perform their jobs in relation to environmental concerns.

Founded in Australia, Green*Plumbers* is a 501(c)(3) educational and charitable foundation that offers training workshops and accreditation to plumbers and contractors throughout the U.S. With more than 300 California participants, the foundation will hold upcoming workshops in Washington, Texas and Southern California.

"As a leader in the water heater industry, A. O. Smith offers the highest efficiency units to consumers with its Vertex family of products," said Mike Parker, vice president of marketing, A. O. Smith. "We felt an obligation to our consumers and the environment to become part of this organization. Green*Plumbers* USA is taking the lead on educating those who help homeowners make decisions when choosing the right products for their homes, and we are honored to be one of the founding partners."

The Green*Plumbers* program offers five workshops on climate care, water care, water recycling and conservation, and solar water heating. After successful completion of the course, each participant receives a Certificate of Completion and is listed on the Green*Plumbers* website, allowing environmentally conscious consumers access to certified plumbers in their area.

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A. O. Smith will sponsor 20 course workshops across the nation geared toward educating plumbers on how to perform their role in relation to environmental plumbing and to provide the most up-to-date information on current environmental issues, trends and cutting-edge technologies.

"A. O. Smith is a true leader in the industry," said Carrie McChesney, Green*Plumbers*' national program manager, "and we are thrilled to have them on board."

The Green*Plumbers* program is open to plumbers and contractors. The goal for Green*Plumbers* is to make this training free and available to all plumbers across the nation. For more information, visit www.greenplumbersusa.com.

About A. O. Smith:

Headquartered in Ashland City, Tenn., A. O. Smith Water Products Company is a leading manufacturer and marketer of residential and commercial water heaters and hydronic boilers. A. O. Smith offers contractors an additional competitive advantage in that the company designs, builds, distributes and field supports the world's broadest and deepest line of residential and commercial water heaters, as well as commercial boilers. This single-source concept simplifies ordering, installation and service and is backed by more than 70 years of research and innovation. For more information, visit www.hotwater.com.

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