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SUMMARY: SLOAN VALVE'S JIM ALLEN PRESENTS WATER CONSERVATION TOPIC AT THE ENGINEERING GREEN BUILDINGS CONFERENCE

CHICAGO, IL — Jim Allen, Manager of the Water Conservation Division of Sloan Valve Company, gave a compelling presentation on all aspects of water conservation methods at the Engineering Green Buildings conference held at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Rosemont, IL.

Allen, a LEED® accredited professional who has helped facilitate LEED Certification on many construction projects, explained to the audience of engineers that water conservation does not mean a loss of performance or extra cost. "Water conservation is not only the right thing to do globally, it is the right thing to do fiscally. As far as LEED is concerned, water conservation credits are the most affordable to obtain with payback coming quickly via reduced operating expenses," said Allen, who also spoke of industry advancements and issues that engineers face when designing new or retrofit installations. "Innovations such as waterfree urinals that eliminate all water consumption and sensor-operated low-flow faucets present excellent opportunities for engineers to design buildings that are more sustainable."

Allen also explained to his audience the importance of understanding the principles of sustainable, green design as outlined by the US Green Building Council. "Having someone on your staff that is experienced in building industry practices and has demonstrated field knowledge of integrated design will help your firm meet the growing demand from the public and private sectors for green buildings."

The Engineering Green Buildings conference serves as a forum for introducing green building processes and products into the non-residential mechanical-engineering community. It also provides an opportunity for the mechanical-engineering community to learn or refine engineering skills to meet the challenges of green-building design, construction, operations, maintenance and commissioning. In addition, attendees learn the costs and benefits of green buildings to further understand that "greening" a building means making it perform better with respect to energy, economics, the environment, and human health, safety and comfort.

Sloan Valve Company is the world's leading manufacturer of water-conserving plumbing systems and has been in operation since 1906. Headquartered in Franklin Park, Illinois, the company manufactures plumbing systems for commercial, industrial, and institutional markets worldwide.

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