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ISDI Offers New Resources on Fusible Plugs

SEVERNA PARK, Md. (Nov. 30, 2016) – Today, the Industrial Steel Drum Institute (ISDI) unveiled two new resources that discuss the importance of using fusible plugs with steel drums. The single-page infographic and 45-second animation offer a simple explanation on fusible plugs, including why and how to use them.

“Fusible plugs are one of the most important innovations in the steel drum industry, since the invention of the drum itself,” said Kyle R. Stavig, chairman of ISDI and CEO of Myers Container LLC and General Steel Drum LLC. “By simply switching a steel plug for one made of plastic or nylon when shipping and warehousing flammable and combustible materials, the safety and security of a steel drum – already one of the safest containers – is increased dramatically.”

Fusible plugs are drum closures, similar to standard steel plugs, but made of impact-resistant nylon, polyethylene or propylene resin. When equipped with fusible plugs and paired with an adequately designed foam-water sprinkler system, steel drums are the safest containers available in today’s market for flammable and combustible materials. It is important to note that steel drums equipped with fusible plugs remain compliant with U.S. Department of Transportation and United Nations requirements for the shipment of hazardous materials. When using fusible plugs, steel drums also continue to carry the appropriate marking for single, non-composite packaging.

“It’s vital that manufacturers and suppliers worldwide understand the need for and uses of fusible plugs,” said Susan Nauman, executive director of ISDI. “That’s why we felt it was critical to share this information in the simple, easy-to-understand formats offered by the animation and infographic.”



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The files are available for sharing and printing for all those interested in steel drums. To view and share the video, and to download a copy of the infographic, visit <http://www.whysteeldrums.org/fusibleplugs/>

About the Industrial Steel Drum Institute (ISDI)

ISDI, formerly known as the Steel Shipping Container Institute, represents the industry before federal agencies and the U.S. Congress, acts as liaison with other industry groups and individual corporations, and plays an active role with international organizations, including the U.N. Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods. ISDI’s mission is to promote the common interests of its members through government relations, technical research, education and information exchange, media relations, and generic marketing programs. For more information, visit <http://www.whysteeldrums.org>.