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Steve Pirigyi joins WHECO team

Steve Pirigyi has been named regional sales manager for WHECO Corp., a crane and capital equipment structural repair and restoration services company. WHECO Corporation is based in Richland, WA and operates facilities in Santa Fe Springs, CA, Seattle, WA and Aiken, SC, as well as a service center on Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands.

A veteran of the crane industry, Pirigyi has more than 40 years of sales and marketing experience. Most recently he was an independent contractor supplying various Manitowoc Crane-oriented services for H&E Equipment Services. Pirigyi began his career as a crane salesman with Bell Eastern Corp. in Yonkers, NY. Later, he joined Manitowoc-Forsythe, a Manitowoc owned distributorship as a sales consultant. He was promoted to Vice-President in 1985 and remained there until 1995 when the distributorship was sold. Steve became a regional business manager for Manitowoc Cranes, eventually retiring in 2003 after more than 36 years of total service to Manitowoc.

“We are very pleased that Steve has decided to join us here at WHECO” said Jay Shiffler, Vice President of Business Development for WHECO Corporation. “WHECO has made a big commitment to the eastern market with large full scale facilities and technical personnel and with Steve’s knowledge and background he will give us the opportunity to grow our customer base.”

Pirigyi will have regional sales responsibilities where most of the work will flow into our Aiken, SC facility. Steve said: "I am pleased to be associated with WHECO and look forward to the opportunities and challenges,"

Pirigyi resides in Valhalla, NY with his wife Joan.

At its four full-service facilities in Washington, California and South Carolina, WHECO offers full turnkey crane repair services that are guaranteed to be compliant with OSHA, Cal-OSHA, AWS and ANSI standards. The company's facilities are equipped with a complete machine shop, fabrication and assembly area, service bays, paint shop and a hydraulic service center. Using the latest technologies and state-of-the-art equipment, WHECO assures that all work completed involves certified engineers, independent metallurgy lab analysis, non-destructive testing and is guaranteed to conform to and pass all required certifications.

For more information about WHECO call 1-800-937-4772 or visit their website at www.wheco.com.