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SAE Awarded Hydro One Contract to Supply ConduDisc® Utility Pole Ground Plates

Barrie, ON, February 13th, 2019 – SAE Inc. (SAE), a leading manufacturer of innovative, engineered grounding solutions, announced today that it has been awarded a vendor contract from Hydro One, Canada's largest electricity transmission and distribution service provider. The Hydro One contract is to manufacture and supply SAE's ConduDisc[®], a utility pole ground plate that virtually eliminates ground plate corrosion, extending the service life of the grounding plate to 60 years – the life of the utility pole. ConduDisc[®] is manufactured using a conductive, water impermeable polymeric, moulded material which encapsulates a galvanized steel plate and reduces electrode corrosion by 99.9%.

ConduDisc[®] is truly the One and Done solution for utility distribution pole grounding. *"By utilizing ConduDisc[®] at every pole, utilities will improve network reliability and SAIDI/SAIFI performance, eliminate future pole grounding maintenance, and save millions of dollars over decades of service life," according to Todd Sirola, CEO of SAE Inc.*

ConduDisc[®] adheres to CSA Standard C22.2 No. 41-13 and No. 65-13; as such meets the ESA Technical Guideline for Section 6 "Approval of Electrical Equipment" with regards to Ontario Regulation 22/04 and the construction requirements of the National Electrical Safety Code (American Standard).

About SAE:

SAE specializes in the development and manufacturing of conductive materials that are used in the production of specialized electrical grounding and cathodic protection (corrosion control) systems. In addition to the ConduDisc[®], SAE also manufactures a variety of conductive backfill products used for electrical grounding: Conducrete[®], ConduFlow[™] and ConduForm[™]. SAE also provides full-service electrical grounding design and engineering. For more information visit SAE's website at <u>www.saeinc.com</u>.

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