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## **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 “ARRA” Certification of Compliance**

The passage in January of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), also known as “the Stimulus Package”, has resulted in some confusion for our customers pertaining to new requirements to “Buy American”. It was never the intention of the stimulus package to prevent the continued use of some of the products you have come to depend on in your installations.

Specific provisions found in Section 1605 relating to the “Use of American Iron, Steel, and Manufactured Goods” address these concerns by stating, “This section shall be applied in a manner consistent with United States obligations under international agreements.” These obligations would include the World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement and the United States-European Communities Exchange of Letters.

Cimberio Valve Incorporated is a Pennsylvania based corporation, employing U.S. National personnel, and is a partially owned subsidiary of the parent corporation Giacomo Cimberio S.P.A., an Italian corporation headquartered in San Maurizio D’Opaglio (Novara) Italy. Cimberio Valve Inc. also through a proprietary agreement with IMS S.P.A., an Italian corporation headquartered in Dongo Italy, is the exclusive distributor of the FAST-LOCK™ Line of steel press fitting.

Therefore, since all products manufactured for Cimberio Valve Inc. are produced in factories in Italy, and, as a result of the treaty obligations between Italy (European Union) and the United States, Cimberio Valve Inc. products imported from Italy are eligible for use under the “Buy American” provisions. Additional information can be found through The Office of Management and Budget which has published an updated implementation guidance, 74 Federal Register 18449 (April 3, 2009) recognizing this exception.

Cimberio Valve Inc., has established a North American distribution hub in the suburban Philadelphia, PA area from which it ships to regional distribution warehouses throughout the United States. Cimberio Valve Inc. mission is the distribution and sales of products manufactured in our state-of-the-art facilities in northern Italy, for use in the North American marketplace.

Cimberio S.P.A. and IMS S.P.A., in order to meet the requirements under the Buy American provisions and faced with the same challenges as other international companies are committed to not exporting manufacturing jobs from either the U.S. or Italy to low wage countries; all products sold with the either the CIM or FASTLOCK™ name, by Cimberio Valve Inc. are manufactured in our Italian facilities. It should be noted that innovative products such as the CimPRESS™ Valve line and the FASTLOCK™ steel press fitting line are the result of large investments in research and development which have benefitted the American marketplace. It should also be noted that unlike many traditional “American” company valves and fittings which are simply branding Asian imported products, all CIM and FASTLOCK™ branded valves and fittings sold by Cimberio Valve Inc. are made exclusively for our needs by either Cimberio S.P.A. or IMS S.P.A.

If you have questions regarding any of the products manufactured and sold by Cimberio Valve Inc. please visit our U.S. web site at [www.cimberiovalve.com](http://www.cimberiovalve.com) or call our Malvern, PA offices at (610) 560-0802. If you are interested in further information on the federal guidelines developing under the Buy American provisions please consult Rules and Regulations by the Office of Management and Budget, dated April 23, 2009.

