



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Sherwood Valve Announces Price Increase Effective September 1st**

#### **Base raw material cost escalations cited**

Sherwood Valve LLC, today announced price increases effective September 1, 2009 for all product lines including Superior Refrigeration Products. Base raw material escalations are cited as reason for the increase. Recent surges in copper, zinc, and metal prices have driven up manufacturing input costs. Copper and zinc, the primary components of brass have increased 85 % and 64% respectively since the beginning of the year.

**Price increases will take effect on September 1, 2009. All in-house orders shipped on-or-after September 1st will be subject to the increases. Orders placed for shipment prior to September 1st will be accepted on a first-come/first-served basis contingent upon available inventory and manufacturing capacity at time of order.**

An increase averaging approximately 6 to 10 percent is effective September 1, 2009.

We continue to look for ways to manage our business to minimize the impact of rising commodity and energy prices in today's environment. Productivity enhancements are being realized through investment in new lean manufacturing process and cost reduction initiatives.

Clarification inquiries and questions may be directed to Customer Service at 888-508-2583.

**Sherwood Valve LLC** produces valves and fittings for all segments of the compressed gas industry including industrial, chlorine, medical, welding, specialty, semiconductor, life support, LPG and refrigeration. Sherwood is the only 100% fully integrated valve producer in North America, a significant competitive advantage in the areas of cost containment and timely distribution.  
[www.SherwoodValve.com](http://www.SherwoodValve.com).

**Taylor-Wharton International LLC** operates manufacturing, sales, warehouse and service facilities in 6 countries and markets its products in over 80 countries worldwide. Additional information about TWI can be located at [www.TWIglobaltech.com](http://www.TWIglobaltech.com).

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