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SECTION 1407 March 2020 Newsletter

PLEASE JOIN US ON **TUESDAY, March 10th**, 2020 at Welspun Tubular located at 9301 Frazier Pike, Little Rock, AR 72206 for a **Facility Tour** (see map at end). Tour begins at **4:30 PM**. Please RSVP Chris Moore at clmoore5@ualr.edu by Tuesday, March 3th.

Tour is limited to 20 attendees. RSVP 1st come, 1st serve



Welspun Tubular LLC (a subsidiary of WCL), situated on a 740-acre site adjacent to the Little Rock Port in Arkansas, was inaugurated on April 28, 2009.

At inauguration, the facility employed 350 workers, providing an important economic boost to the region. Today, with the addition of a third shift, the facility boasts more than 400 workers and is one of the new large Arkansas manufactures.

The Company recently announced the acquisition of a 44 acre site formerly owned by the Wheatland Tube Company for \$4.25 million dollars. The purchase includes a 350,000 sq. ft.

building on the site, which is currently being used to store stock material of Welspun's pipe and coating facility in Little Rock. The state of the art \$150 million API-certified Little Rock facility is capable of producing 350,000 net tons of HSAW (spiral welded) pipes annually.

With diversified sizes ranging from 24 to 60 inches as outer diameter (OD) and 0.23 to 0.98 inches as wall thickness (WT), as well as coating and double jointing capabilities, our Arkansas facility provides a one-stop solution to valued Oil and Gas customers in and around the United States.

February 2019 Meeting



Murat Al, Quality Analyst Lead for the Arkansas Division of Information Systems, led an interactive presentation and discussion on ASQ professional certifications and their benefits at our February meeting at Larry's Pizza in West Little Rock on Tuesday, February 11th. Murat began working in Quality Management (QM) in the 1990's as a Quality Control inspector. In 2001, he was part of a team that built the first QM system for a university department in Germany based on ISO 9001:2000. Since 2011, he has been engaged in the Governor's Quality Award (GQA) program based on the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence. Murat's credentials include a Ph.D. in Integrated Computing, CMQ/OE, PMP, PROSCI Change Management Practitioner and the new ITIL 4 Foundation certificate.

2019/2020 Program Schedule

Month	Schedule of Events	Location
Mar. 10	Tour: Welspun @ 4:30 PM - Steve Schafer	9301 Frazier Pile Little Rock
Apr. 14	Future Trends in Quality - Hans Van Haut (Molex)	TBD
May 12	Change Management Reflections - Joel Kuhens (Falcon Jet)	Larry's Pizza on Bowman West Little Rock
All Meetings Begin at 6 PM 0.5 RUs can be claimed for each meeting		

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Welspun Tubular

9301 Frazier Pike
Little Rock, AR 72206

Directions: Take Exit 5 from I-440. Go South on Fourche Dam Pike; turn left at intersection with Frazier Pike. Stay on Frazier Pike past Skippy, LM Windpower, and the first Welspun location. Continue on Frazier Pike through a 90-degree right turn. Drive past the Temple on the right, turn left into the Welspun campus and proceed to parking lot shown below.

Meeting place is the Elite building just before the building with the flags, both will be on the right.

Parking is the parking lot before the Elite building. Tour begins at 4:30 PM

