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# Press Release

## Leading International Stainless Steel Distributor Offers Free Inspection on Imports from China

### Great Plains Stainless provides assurance of high quality for Chinese products

Tulsa, OK, USA - 10 July, 2006: Great Plains Stainless, one of the world's leading suppliers of stainless steel specialty alloys, announced that effective immediately, all products made in China will be third-party inspected before shipment to the customer. Inspection will be coordinated by Great Plains Stainless' Shanghai office and include dimensions, stencil, documentation, PMI, and UT. All indent orders in excess of \$12,500 will receive free inspection. For orders less than this amount, inspection will be a customer option. In addition, all material intended for Great Plains Stainless general inventory will be inspected automatically.

EN 10204 3.1.C, which requires a third party inspector to *witness* all material tests completed by the manufacturer, will also be available at a reasonable fee for very large or critical orders. Great Plains is flexible in regard to arranging special inspections according to customer specification and need.

"Our Chinese goods are currently the best priced, and our China deliveries are much better than average, particularly in pipe and tube. Now, we are adding the assurance of great quality to our package," says Joe Gibbons, company President. "Our goal is to make our Chinese products as reliable as the products of any other maker anywhere in the world. We are not just talking quality, we are proving it."

#### **About Great Plains Stainless, Inc.**

Since 1983, Great Plains Stainless has been a distributor of stainless steel pipe, tube, flanges, and fittings in alloys 304H, 309, 310, 317L, 321, 347H, 410, 446 - 2, 904L, and Duplex 2205. With offices in the USA (Tulsa, OK), New Zealand (Nelson) and China (Shanghai), Great Plains offers the highest level of global service possible and has proven to be the industry leader in specialty steel distribution. For more information, please visit [www.gpss.com](http://www.gpss.com).