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## Valspar Partners with China Builders to Complete Successful Line Trials with Valspar Aquaguard™ Waterborne Coating

### Proven Production Performance for Shipping Container

**AMSTERDAM – Nov. 30, 2010** – Three shipping container builders in China have worked with Valspar to conduct production line trials of waterborne coatings. The successful line trials have proven the performance of Valspar Aquaguard™ waterborne coating, which is designed to lower the carbon footprint of the shipping industry.

Paul McCrory, Valspar commercial manager for the global container market, understands the government mandates in China to reduce air emissions. “With 90 percent of the world’s containers being produced in China with high-emission coatings, our technical teams are actively working with customers to implement waterborne coatings as the obvious solution,” he said. “The faster we can help the builders learn how to convert to waterborne coatings, the more quickly they can dramatically reduce air emissions and zinc in their production processes.”

With global production of 2 to 3 million containers annually, the container coating industry emits an estimated 125,000+ tons of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) every year along with zinc, a heavy metal found increasingly in water levels.

Brian Falline, Valspar vice president, General Industrial, urges an industry shift to greatly reduce the carbon footprint. “If this industry switched to 100 percent waterborne technology with the low-emission levels of our product, they could reduce the overall industry’s VOC emissions by 90,000 tons on an annual basis,” he said. “This represents a significant step to helping companies meet air quality goals. We’re working to educate all parts of the supply chain about the benefits that waterborne technology can deliver. The technology has been proven in other industries, and it’s a cost-competitive solution.”

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Valspar has more than 60 years of experience with high-quality waterborne coatings in industries that demand rugged performance, including transportation, off-road agricultural and construction equipment, structural steel, and wood. Valspar Aquaguard waterborne coating for the shipping industry not only outperforms industry-standard container coatings in third party corrosion protection testing, the technology also is zinc-free, low emission and cost competitive. To learn more, visit [valsparcontainer.com](http://valsparcontainer.com).

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