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## ***Fairmont Supply Company acquires North Penn Pipe & Supply***

**CANONSBURG, PA** (November 3, 2008) Fairmont Supply Company, recognized nationally as a leader in materials management strategies and maintenance, repair and operating (MRO) supplies, has announced that it has acquired Pennsylvania based ***North Penn Pipe & Supply***. The transaction was completed on Monday, November 3, 2008.

Based in Warren, PA, North Penn Pipe & Supply has been a valued supplier to the oil and gas industry for over 100 years. As a wholly owned subsidiary of Fairmont Supply Company, North Penn Pipe & Supply will continue to operate under its current name. Robert D. Metzgar will remain in his current role as president of North Penn and work with Fairmont Supply Company in identifying growth opportunities.

The president of Fairmont Supply Company, Rich Layton, stated, “Today’s acquisition of North Penn Pipe & Supply allows us to expand our role in the key oil and gas market within the United States. We believe that oil and gas is a significant component in meeting our country’s current and future energy needs. Our long term business plan has been to balance our growth in various key market segments, this acquisition supports that strategy. We look forward to combining our efforts to develop additional business in this market.”

Founded in 1921, Fairmont Supply Company is one of the largest full-line distributors of industrial maintenance, repair and operating supplies in the United States, with the headquarters located in the Southpointe Business Complex, Canonsburg, PA. Fairmont Supply Company currently operates twenty-five (25) service center facilities and nine (9) on-site stores management locations across the United States. Major markets being served are in mining, steel, industrial, aluminum, oil & gas, utilities, paper, and glass, plastic, chemical, and automotive industries.

Fairmont Supply Company offers more than 100,000 products from over 500 manufacturers. Major product areas include mining, safety, hose products, conveyor and material handling, bearings and power transmission, electrical, pipe, valves, and fittings, as well as a wide variety of general line industrial supply products. More information can be found at [www.fairmontsupply.com](http://www.fairmontsupply.com)

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