



PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania – August 18, 2008 – Allegheny Technologies Incorporated announced today that it has activated a new, small-diameter tube production cell to shorten cycle times, provide superior quality, enhance property consistency and improve delivery performance for customers in the chemical processing market sector.

The cell eliminates manufacturing steps and enhances the material processing path. It produces high quality commercially pure titanium, alloyed titanium and zirconium seamless tubing up to 60 feet long with outside diameters (OD) ranging from 0.5”-1.5” and wall thicknesses of 0.035” or greater for tubing up to 1” OD, and 0.049” or greater for tubing over 1” OD.

“The cell is part of a new process that will improve productivity and produce a better, more consistent product,” says Gary Micheau, Vice President of Operations at ATI Wah Chang. “Anticipated cycle times through extrusion for this product are expected to be reduced by as much as 70% and could be further reduced by an additional 15% when the process is at full capacity.”

The titanium and Zircadyne® zirconium extruded tubing manufactured via the new process will be used in applications where performance is critical including tubing for high-temperature heat exchangers in chemical processing plants.

The tube cell is one of the many manufacturing capacity and capability improvements that ATI has made in a company-wide capital investment program.

ATI is one of the largest and most diversified specialty metals producers in the world with revenues of \$5.5 billion during 2007. The company has approximately 9,700 full-time employees world-wide. Key growth markets include aerospace and defense, chemical processing, oil and gas, electrical energy and medical.



Zircadyne® 702 zirconium seamless extruded small diameter tubing for use in chemical processing applications.