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CTL REF #29288R

NIBCO INC. 1516 Middlebury Street Elkhart, IN 46516-4750

Re: <u>Testing of NIBCO Products for Stress Corrosion Cracking and Dezincification Corrosion</u>

Laboratory testing was conducted at the request of NIBCO INC. on five (5) samples (Table 1) in accordance with ISO 6957:1988 (E) Copper Alloys – Ammonia test for stress corrosion resistance, and BS EN ISO 6509:1995 Corrosion of metals and alloys – Determination of dezincification resistance of brass. At NIBCO's request, ISO 6597 tests were performed at a test solution pH of 9.5 in accordance with the above-referenced testing methodology. The acceptance criterion for ISO 6509 was that of BS EN 13828:2003, Section 5.1.1.2 (dezincification depth of less than 200 μ m in any direction). Following testing, test specimens tested per ISO 6509 were prepared for examination according to ASTM E 3 and examined at 500X magnification using an inverted metallographic microscope with a calibrated eyepiece reticle. The results are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1		
Test Results		
	Test Result	
Sample	ISO 6957:1988 (E)	BS EN ISO 6509:1995
	(Test Solution $pH = 9.5$)	
595 Valve End Piece (C87850) (Note 1)	No cracks	No dezincification (0 µm depth)
585-80 Valve Body (C87600) (Note 2)	No cracks	No dezincification (0 µm depth)
585-80 Valve End Piece (C87600) (Note 2)	No cracks	No dezincification (0 µm depth)
585-80 Valve Stem (C69300) (Note 1)	No cracks	No dezincification (0 µm depth)
585-80 Valve Ball (C69300) (Note 1)	No cracks	No dezincification (0 µm depth)

Notes:

1. Tested as individual component in ISO 6957. 2. Tested as assembled valve in ISO 6957.

CONCLUSION

All samples PASSED appropriate testing standards for both stress corrosion cracking and dezincification corrosion.

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