

TUBETECH AND UNITED STEELWORKERS REACH CONTRACT AGREEMENT IN RECORD TIME

WORKERS OVERWHELMINGLY APPROVE CONTRACT

East Palestine, OH- In an unprecedented two hours, Tubetech North America, Inc. and United Steelworkers Local 14765-09 reached agreement on a three-year labor contract, 30 days before the contract was set to expire. Employees voted overwhelmingly to approve the contract.

“The quick resolution and cooperation on everyone’s part helped achieved this excellent result,” said Jon Roscow, Tubetech’s recently appointed president. “We applaud the decisive approval of this contract by our workers. Our customers, suppliers, and hardworking employees are all beneficiaries of this precedent setting contract.”

Eric Sweet, president of Local 14765-09, proudly added, “Our membership understands our best productivity and quality performance in a number of years didn’t just happen. It was a team effort that took the commitment and dedication on everyone’s part to work more efficiently and effectively.”

The swift negotiations and approval of the contract, which included an improvement in employee wages and changes in health care, allows Tubetech to build on its success over the past year.

“As the economy continues its turnaround, we are now strongly positioned to grow our business in 2011 and beyond,” said Roscow. “With all the recent labor discourse in Ohio and across this country, this is an example of what can be achieved when labor and management work together.”

Tubetech North America, East Palestine’s largest employer, is based in the Midwest, supplying engineered welded steel tube for standard and customized applications within the United States, Mexico, and Canada.