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### **IPSS, INC. ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF PRESIDENT**

#### **THOMAS RANGER NAMED NEW PRESIDENT**

ROANOKE, VA., (May 1, 2015) – IPSS Inc. announced today the retirement of James Atkinson as President, effective April 30, 2015. Jim founded Industrial Process Support Services Inc. (IPSS) in 1985 to support customers in the steel industry. IPSS originally provided on-site support for process models, control systems and the rolling mill operations. Today, we are still a small, customer-focused company whose goal is to deliver the best possible solutions.

Jim reminisced on his time at IPSS: “On April 9, 1985, Industrial Process Support Services Inc. was created by someone who was good at Hot Mill Process Control, but a neophyte businessman. Working out of the basement of my home, there was a lot to learn about licenses, taxes, insurance, and more, on top of the advancements of our technical offerings. While it was never my goal to create a company that lasted beyond my working years, I am very proud that it will continue on under the very knowledgeable direction of Thomas.”

Effective May 1, 2015, Thomas Ranger stepped into the role of President. Prior to joining IPSS in 1990, Thomas Ranger was employed by WT Chatham Associates contracting exclusively at Dofasco. There he was responsible for the development and implementation of process control enhancements to Dofasco’s #2 Hot Strip Mill, particularly in the areas of roughing mill automation and width control. At IPSS, he has continued to focus on advanced hot mill modeling, automation, and simulation.

#### **About IPSS, Inc.**

Founded in 1985, IPSS provides on-site support to customers in the steel industry through process models, control systems and the rolling mill operations. As our reputation has grown, more companies request our assistance and ask us to take on larger projects.

We emphasize engineering above all else. Our projects range from process and system analysis to control system design and development. We continuously review the latest control theory to develop better modeling and control techniques. To learn more about the company, please visit: [www.ipssinc.com](http://www.ipssinc.com) or contact Thomas Ranger at 540-989-8607.

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