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## **BRI-CHEM RECEIVES STAGE ONE API AUDIT APPROVAL FOR STEEL MANUFACTURING FACILITY**

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**Edmonton, Canada, April 5, 2012 – Bri-Chem Corp. (“Bri-Chem” or “Company”)** (TSX Exchange: BRY) a leading North American wholesale distributor and manufacturer of oil and gas drilling fluids and steel pipe is pleased to announce that its large diameter steel pipe manufacturing facility has received stage 1 audit approval from the American Petroleum Institute (API).

The stage 1 audit was performed onsite and the API auditor reviewed procedures, control features, internal audit reports, management review records, staff responsibilities and the facility layout. The onsite stage 2 audit will now be scheduled to verify the Company’s conformance with API Spec Q1, 5L, ISO 9001, ISO/TS 29001. API will make the certification decision on the basis of an evaluation of the audit findings and conclusions, and evidence of effective implementation of corrective actions by the Company, if required.

### Facility Update

Bri-Chem expanded its 1000<sup>th</sup> pipe on February 28, 2012 and has successfully completed the installation of its upgraded in-line automated Eddy Current testing system implemented to enhance production testing efficiencies. The facility is currently operating one 12-hour shift four days per week utilizing two full production lines, and management anticipates adding an additional shift in late Q2 or early Q3 to increase production capacity for the balance of fiscal 2012.

### About Bri-Chem

Since our formation in 1985, Bri-Chem has established two primary segments of business through a combination of internal growth and acquisitions: Bri-Chem’s Drilling Fluid Division is North America’s largest independent wholesale supplier of drilling fluids for the oil and gas industry. We provide over 350 critical drilling fluid products, cementing, acidizing and stimulation additives from 25 strategically located warehouses throughout Canada and the United States; Bri-Chem’s Steel Pipe Division is one of only two companies in North America that can manufacture and supply large diameter seamless steel pipe for the energy industry. Bri-Chem is the first company to introduce Thermal Pipe Expansion (TPE) in North America. Additional information about Bri-Chem is available at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) or at Bri-Chem's website at [www.brichem.com](http://www.brichem.com).

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