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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**American Carbide Teams Up With OEM**

Canton, OH: American Carbide Tool (ACT), based in Canton, Ohio, has recently partnered with an OEM to help resolve an issue that occurred during the run-off of two machines for a large end-user. The OEM and ACT staff sat down to discuss the problem and how ACT might be able to solve the tough issue – the original tooling incorporated into the machine design proved incapable of meeting the specific requirements of the end user.

Since ACT combines both in-house engineering *and* design capabilities, along with application and troubleshooting assistance in the field, the company was poised to tackle the problem. Beyond this, ACT has the ability to manufacture tooling to cut-off and bevel seamless steel tubes such as API/BTC couplings, line pipe, oil country tubular goods (OCTG) and structurals, which are primarily used in the oil and gas industry. The company has been extremely effective in developing grades and chipbreaker geometries to cut off high pressure, heat-treated grades of pipe, such as P110 and Q125.

ACT tapped its more than 50 years of experience in manufacturing single point brazed carbide tools to develop a solution. As one of the largest manufacturers worldwide of this type of tooling, ACT has the ability to address the growing needs of not just this OEM, but the OCTG industry at-large.

Within only a two-week period, ACT was able to design and manufacture tooling to resolve the OEM's issue and enable them to successfully complete the run off.

ACT has continuously been involved in the manufacture of pipe cut

off tools since its inception. This involvement has greatly increased in the recent past due to the increased tooling needs in this industry and ACT's manufacturing and engineering capabilities.

American Carbide Tool's capabilities have been further enhanced by its move to a new 36,000 square foot facility. This, along with the company's continued commitment to improving its capabilities by investing in leading edge equipment, has enabled ACT to continue to provide not only superior quality tools, but pragmatic solutions to intricate customer challenges.