The Hoover Dam Bypass Bridge is set to open in mid-October 2010 after nearly eight years and $240 million worth of work. The 1,900-foot engineering wonder perched 890 feet above the Colorado River is expected to drastically cut travel time along the main route between Las Vegas and Phoenix. The observation deck expects 3-5 million visitors each year. After testing against another manufacture to compare the ability of Super Therm to prevent radiant heat from loading, Super Therm was a clear winner.
Great News!!

The FHWA, at the last minute, insisted that a second source of product be evaluated to assure that Super Therm® was the best choice. Mascoat’s Delta-T was selected as a sample (tinted to the original grey specifications) was supplied. Harry Power applied it on 4” diameter carbon steel pipe, which had to be sandblasted to SSPC-SP10 and 30 WFT was applied.

Results: Delta-T could only drop the temperature 4°F. from the uncoated control unit which was 148°F.

Twice in the email below, it is stated that Delta-T is not a suitable product and is no longer considered an option and that testing of Super Therm® is consistent and the winner. Harry said even if it had passed thermally, the finish was so soft it could not be used as they expect 3-5 million visitors per year to be touching SPI’s product on the railing.

From: HDB Frederick Lazar [mailto: Frederick.Lazar@obayashi-usa.com]
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2009 6:34 PM
To: HDB Jeff St. John; HDB Ken Hirschmugl; HDB Terry Pawlowski
Cc: Harry Power; John Grey
Subject: Heat testing – 7/27/09 on Super Therm and Mascoat

Harry Power and I took heat tests on the Super Therm samples and the new Mascoat insulating sample this afternoon at 3PM in the laydown yard.

The ambient temperature in the sun ranged from 120.7 to 121.2. The raw steel (substate) temperature was 148 – Rounded steel pipe do not absorb heat like flat surface steel. In such an ambient temperature of 121° F., a flat steel surface could be 215°F.

The Mascoat sample exterior temperature was 144 (this is not a suitable product). The Super Therm sample exterior temperature was 127.

Mascoat is no longer being considered an option. Super Therm testing performance has been sufficiently consistent.

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The picture of the two men on the walking portion of the bridge are hanging onto the handrailing coated with SUPER THERM and overcoat of ENAMO GRIP in the color they specified.
SSPC Crone Knoy Award

Friday, January 21, 2011 2:26:58 PM

From: sowers@sspc.org
To: crsmith@spicoatings.com

Hi Craig,

Thank you for speaking with me today. I am sorry that I am notifying you at this late date, but we were waiting on confirmation that we would have an owner's representative attending the conference to accept the award.

In 2006, SSPC developed a series or awards to recognize the work of teams of contractors, designers, end users and coating manufacturers for excellence on particular coatings projects. The Hoover Dam Bypass-Colorado River Bridge was selected to receive our Crone Knoy Award. The Crone Knoy Award is for outstanding achievement in commercial or industrial coatings work that demonstrates innovation, durability or utility. The project was submitted by United Anco Services of the Brock Group.

The awards will be handed out at the SSPC conference in Las Vegas at the Mandalay Bay Hotel at our Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon on Monday, January 31 at 11:00 am in Islander F/G. Each participant in the project (owner, applicator and coating material supplier) will receive a plaque. All of the structures in the awards program will be featured in a photo essay in the JPCCL after the SSPC conference.

We hope that you will be able to attend. Please let me know if you have any questions and if you will be able to attend.

Best regards,

Terry

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Spans between Nevada and Arizona

Structure Owner: Federal Highway Administration
Contractor/Applicator: United/Anco Services - A Member of The Brock Group
Coating Material Suppliers: PPG Marine and Protective Coatings, and Superior Products International (SPI)

January 31, 2011
Las Vegas, NV

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