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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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**A. M. Castle & Co. To Expand Presence in Oil & Gas Industry with Acquisition of  
Tube Supply, Inc.**

**OAK BROOK, IL, NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> — A. M. Castle & Co. (NYSE:CAS; A. M. Castle)**, a global distributor of specialty metal and plastic products, value-added services and supply chain solutions, has announced today that it has executed a definitive agreement to acquire Houston, TX – based Tube Supply, Inc. (Tube Supply), a leading value-added distributor of specialty tubular and bar products for the oil and gas industry. The purchase price of \$165 million is subject to customary adjustments at closing, and the acquisition is expected to be immediately accretive to A. M. Castle’s earnings. A. M. Castle expects to close the transaction by the end of the first quarter of 2012, subject to customary closing conditions and regulatory approvals.

Tube Supply has provided high quality products and services primarily to the North American oilfield equipment manufacturing industry for the past 25 years. Today, Tube Supply has the reputation of being a world-class provider of a broad range of oilfield quality metals with a specific focus on the equipment and tools used in downhole completion and wellhead applications. Tube Supply had unaudited revenues of approximately \$208 million for the twelve-month period ended October 31, 2011. Tube Supply operates service centers in Houston, Texas and Edmonton, Alberta and has recently completed construction of a new, 250,000 square foot facility located at its Houston headquarters.

Tube Supply's management team will remain in place and the combination of the two businesses will be led by Nick Jones, President of A. M. Castle's Oil & Gas Commercial Unit which is also headquartered in Houston. A. M. Castle & Co. is a global leader in the supply of specialty metals to the oil and gas industry with locations in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, France, Singapore and China.

"We are extremely excited to add such a high quality company, experienced management team and dedicated employees to the A. M. Castle family," said Michael Goldberg, President and CEO of A. M. Castle & Co. "Tube Supply is a strong complement to our existing oil and gas business, and our presence in the oil and gas industry will nearly triple with this acquisition. Tube Supply has a solid track record in the oil and gas market and we anticipate further growth through expanded product offerings to both Tube Supply's and A. M. Castle's customers. This partnership is a great long-term strategic fit that will allow us to capitalize on the growing demand and exciting opportunities we see in this sector. We believe that the combination of A. M. Castle and Tube Supply will add value for our shareholders, customers and employees."

"The entire Tube Supply team is delighted at the prospect of joining A. M. Castle, a highly respected organization that is so well-known for its over 120 years of service within the industry," noted Paul Sorensen, President of Tube Supply, Inc. "Together, we plan to leverage our product, processing and supply-chain expertise to deliver the best possible solutions to meet our customers' growing requirements."

Jefferies & Company, Inc. served as financial advisor to A. M. Castle. In addition, Jefferies Group, Inc. and its affiliates have provided A. M. Castle with a firm commitment for financing of up to \$375 million. A. M. Castle & Co. plans to refinance its existing outstanding debt in conjunction with closing the acquisition of Tube Supply.

Tube Supply has been advised by Duff & Phelps.

Management will hold a conference call at 12:00 p.m. EST today, November 10, 2011, to discuss the proposed acquisition. The call can be accessed via the Internet live or as a replay. Those who would like to listen to the call may access the webcast through <http://www.amcastle.com>.

An archived version of the conference call webcast will be accessible for replay on the above website until the next earnings conference call. A replay of the conference call will also be available for seven days by calling 480-629-9772 (international) or 877-941-2332 and citing code 4487345.

### **About A. M. Castle & Co.**

Founded in 1890, A. M. Castle & Co. is a global distributor of specialty metal and plastic products and supply chain services, principally serving the producer durable equipment sector of the economy. Its customer base includes many Fortune 500 companies as well as thousands of medium and smaller-sized firms spread across a variety of industries. Within its core metals business, it specializes in the distribution of alloy and stainless steels; nickel alloys; aluminum and carbon. Through its subsidiary, Total Plastics, Inc., the Company also distributes a broad range of value-added industrial plastics. Together, A. M. Castle operates over 50 locations throughout North America and Europe. Its common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "CAS".

### **About Tube Supply, Inc.**

Founded in 1986, Tube Supply is a leading value-added distributor of high performance steel and alloy products for the high-end and specialty oilfield equipment and downhole tool manufacturing market. Tube Supply is based in Houston, Texas and its wholly owned subsidiary, Tube Supply Canada ULC operates a warehouse facility in Edmonton, Alberta. Tube Supply's products include highly-engineered prime carbon and alloy mechanical tubing, bars and blocks, which are designed to operate in severe conditions in the oilfield. Tube Supply also provides value-added services including heat-treating, boring, honing, saw cutting, and machine work. Tube Supply was founded by Paul Sorensen and Jerry Willeford and employs approximately 90 people. More information about Tube Supply and its product and service offerings is available on their website at [www.tubesupply.com](http://www.tubesupply.com).

### **Cautionary Statement on Risks Associated with Forward Looking Statements**

Information provided and statements contained in this release that are not purely historical are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("Securities Act"), Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Exchange Act"), and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements only speak as of the date of this release and the Company assumes no obligation to update the information included in this release. Such forward-looking statements include information concerning our possible or assumed future results of operations, including descriptions of our

business strategy and outlook. These statements often include words such as “may,” “will,” “believe,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “predict,” “plan,” or similar expressions. These statements are not guarantees of performance or results, and they involve risks, uncertainties, and assumptions. Although we believe that these forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, there are many factors that could affect our actual financial results or results of operations and could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: the ability to successfully close the transaction by the end of the first quarter of 2012 or at all; the ability to successfully integrate Tube Supply and achieve the expected results or synergies of the transaction; the ability to retain Tube Supply’s management team and Tube Supply’s relationships with customers and suppliers; and general and global business, economic, financial, credit and political conditions. Further information on these and other risks and uncertainties is provided under Item 1A “Risk Factors” of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, which disclosure is incorporated herein by reference, and elsewhere in reports that we file or furnish with the SEC. All future written and oral forward-looking statements by us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained or referred to above. Except for our ongoing obligations to disclose material information as required by the federal securities laws, we do not have any obligations or intention to release publicly any revisions to any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances in the future or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.