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## Product Alert

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### **Type of Notification: Counterfeit**

FM Approvals has been made aware of a falsified document issued on FM Approvals' letterhead. The image of the document cover page is attached as Figure 1. The document represented by the cover page image in Figure 1 is a falsification of an authentic FM Approval Report. The claim of FM Approval for any of the products identified on the cover page in Figure 1 for the company identified below is false. In fact, there are no FM Approved products manufactured by **Weifang Gaobiao Metal Products Co., Ltd.**

**Company Identity: Weifang Gaobiao Metal Products Co., Ltd.**

**Address: Shandong Fangzi Kowloon  
JieBan YangZhuang Village  
Shandong, 261202  
China**

**Contact: Not Known**

**Product Identity: Ductile Iron Couplings and Fittings**

**Make/Model: Sizes 33 mm through 325 mm NPS**

**FM Approval status: Not FM Approved**

### **Hazard Involved:**

The products described in the report referenced in Figure 1 have never been tested or certified as FM Approved. Since there is no evidence these products have ever been tested to the rigorous requirements of FM Approvals, we advise that use of these products presents a serious property risk for the user.

If you are in possession of any of the products depicted in the falsified report referenced and bearing the FM Approvals certification marking, or any other certifications issued by the company identified above, please bring that to the attention of:

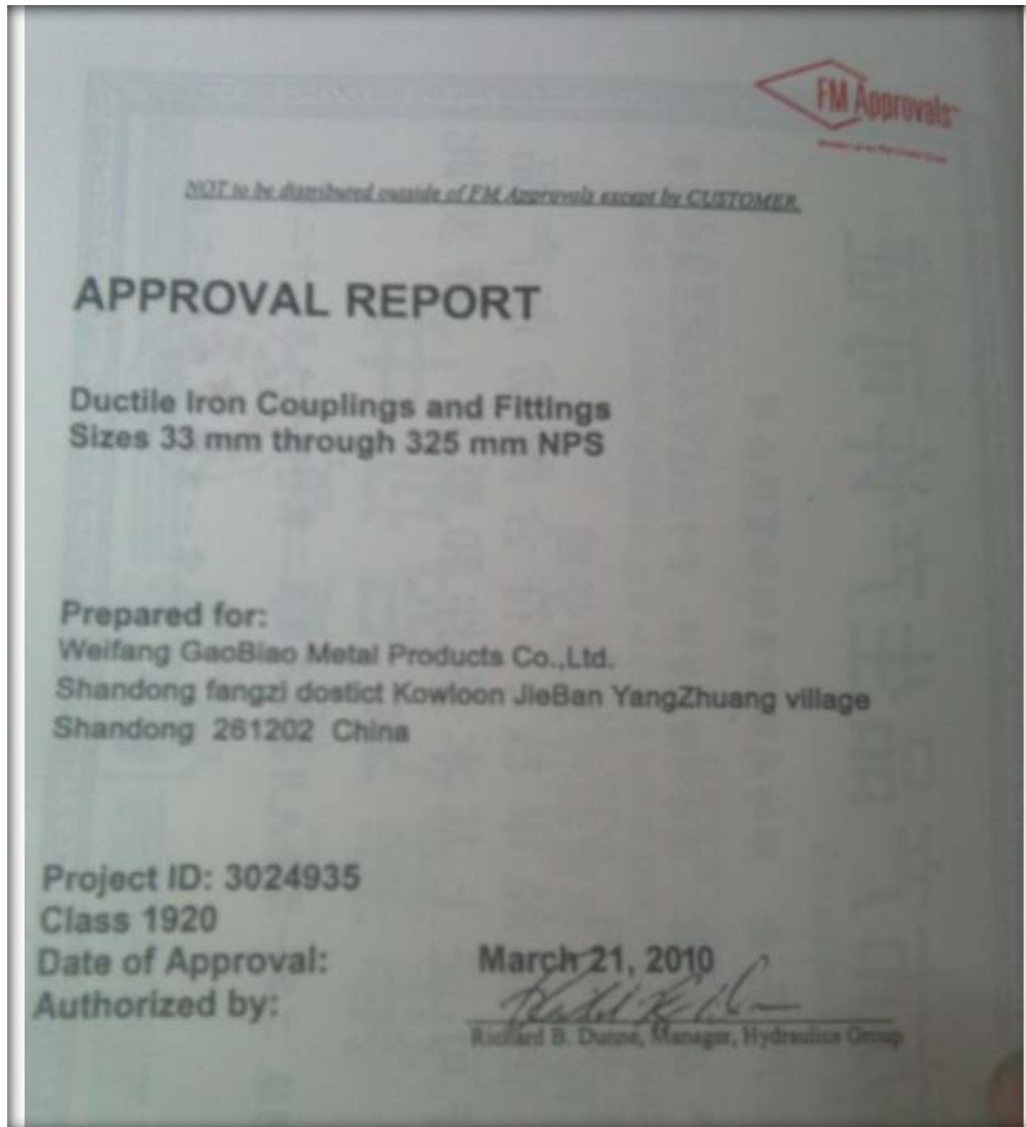
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## **Resulting Actions**

Since the initial discovery and investigation by FM Approvals, Weifang Gaobiao Metal Products Co., Ltd has agreed to the following undertakings:

- Acknowledges the intellectual property rights of the Rights Owner including but not limited to the “FM Approvals” mark and ‘FM’ within diamond logo mark;
- Undertakes to immediately stop using “FM Approvals” mark or ‘FM’ within diamond logo mark on all our products, materials, documents, brochures, catalogues or in any other form;
- Undertakes to immediately stop using counterfeit FM Approvals report for all their products, materials, documents, brochures, catalogues or in any other form;
- Undertakes not to otherwise infringe, attempt to infringe, or cause, assist or enable others to use the “FM Approvals” mark and ‘FM’ within diamond logo mark;
- Undertakes to immediately destroy any counterfeit FM Approvals reports and products, materials, documents, brochures, catalogues or any other materials bearing the “FM Approvals” mark or ‘FM’ within diamond logo mark;
- Confirms that, as of October 26, 2012, Weifang Gaobiao Metal Products Co. Ltd does not have any present or existing orders or contracts for the manufacture or sale of, or dealing in, in any way, products bearing the “FM Approvals” mark or ‘FM’ within diamond logo mark and;
- Undertakes not in future to infringe in any way any of the intellectual property rights of the Rights Owner.

These undertakings were accepted by FM Approvals.



**Figure 1 – Counterfeit Report Cover Page**

This document represented by the cover page image above is a falsification of an actual FM Approvals' Approval Report. This document has been altered and misrepresents the company's products as FM Approved. No products manufactured by **Weifang Gaobiao Metal Products Co., Ltd.** have been certified by FM Approvals. Any claims otherwise are false.