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ASHI SUNCOAST ANNOUNCES NEW CERTIFIED MEMBER

St. Petersburg, FL, January 18, 2006 – Stephen Kocian, owner/president of Steve’s Inspection Services, a Tarpon Springs firm which conducts pre-purchase home inspections, has just been admitted as a full member of ASHI, the American Society of Home Inspectors.

ASHI, founded in 1976, is the leading national professional organization of independent home inspectors in the U.S. Its Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics are benchmarks of professional performance in the field. To become a member of ASHI, an inspector must meet rigorous professional and technical requirements, including the successful completion of two comprehensive written exams. In addition, he or she must perform at least 250 fee-paid home inspections that meet or exceed the ASHI Standards of Practice.

Once admitted to ASHI, inspectors must comply with the Society’s Code of Ethics, Standards of Practice and Policies, including a requirement to obtain 60 ASHI-approved continuing education credits every three years. Members are not allowed to actively engage in real estate sales or to have a professional interest in the sale or maintenance of any property they inspect.

Real estate professionals and government housing officials recommend that all home buyers have their prospective property examined by an independent home inspector before the final purchase commitment. These experts recognize that ASHI membership is the best assurance of an inspector’s competence and professionalism.

Kocian has been an inspector for two (2) years, following more than fifteen years as a home remodeling contractor. He conducts pre-purchase home inspections for buyers of existing homes in the Tampa Bay area. Kocian has been involved with the Suncoast Chapter of ASHI for two (2) years and is a member of the Membership Committee and the Suntech 2006 Committee. Further information about the services provided by Steve’s Inspection Services is available by calling (727) 698-5802.

For more information on ASHI, call Cheryl Harris, PR Liaison at 727-578-1962 or visit www.ashisuncoast.com on the Internet.

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