

News Release



Material Protection Products Business Unit of LANXESS

Striving to be Widely Recognized Solution Provider

New laboratory in U.S. exciting addition to existing facilities in other regions

PITTSBURGH – April 27, 2007 – With the opening of the new Technology Center in Pittsburgh, LANXESS Corporation’s Material Protection Products (MPP) business unit moved closer to its goal of becoming a widely recognized solution provider in the North American biocides and preservatives marketplace. At the Technology Center opening in March, company management recognized the key role that MPP will play at this new facility.

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“The opening of our new facility underscores our dedication to the North American market and will benefit our existing and potential customers,” said Udo Reigber, head of MPP Americas. “With the new laboratory, we can deliver even higher quality service to the marketplace, and continue to develop solutions to meet customers’ specific needs.”

Microbiological and analytical services conducted at the Technology Center include, but are not limited to, chemical analysis, microbial identification and microbial challenge testing, advanced weathering capabilities, efficacy level and product compatibility testing, and industrial hygiene services.

In addition to a broad offering of products and the new laboratory facility in the United States, the MPP group has regulatory specialists who work with the EPA, FDA and appropriate state agencies to ensure all products are properly registered/approved; and a production, distribution, sales and customer service network that offers a platform for customer growth.

The new facility is an addition to the existing MPP laboratories in Germany, Brazil and Singapore.

About Material Protection Products

The Material Protection Products business unit, one of the leading manufacturers and suppliers of biocidal active ingredients and formulations

for the beverage industry, wood protection, cosmetics, disinfection and industrial applications, including paints, adhesives, slurries, and related applications, is part of the Performance Chemicals segment, which achieved sales of EUR 1.812 billion in fiscal 2006.

Detailed information on the Material Protection Products business unit's portfolio of products can be found at www.mpp.us.lanxess.com.

About LANXESS

LANXESS Corporation was formed when the Bayer Group combined most of its chemical businesses and large segments of its polymer activities. The Company began operating as a legal entity in the United States on July 1, 2004. LANXESS Corporation is a member of the German LANXESS-Group that was spun-off from Bayer in January 2005.

The LANXESS-Group manufactures high-quality products in the areas of chemicals, synthetic rubber and plastics. The companies' portfolio comprises basic and fine chemicals, color pigments, plastics, synthetic rubber and rubber chemicals, leather, material protection products and water treatment products.

In 2006, LANXESS Corporation employed about 1,400 persons in the United States.

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