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**AMERICHEM EXPANDS ANTIMICROBIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE SYNTHETIC FIBER INDUSTRY**

CUYAHOGA FALLS, Ohio (March 6, 2009) – Americhem Inc., a global provider of custom color and additive solutions for synthetic fibers and polymer-based products, recently introduced a full line of antimicrobial masterbatches for synthetic fiber applications. This will allow customers to achieve increased efficiencies and produce superior end products.

“Americhem continually works to raise the bar in the fibers industry,” said Vaman G. Kulkarni, Ph.D., technical marketing director for Fibers, Packaging and Films at Americhem. “Americhem has been active in antimicrobial masterbatches since 2003. One of the challenges with melt-spun antimicrobial additives has been achieving dispersion quality suitable for fine denier applications and lower abrasion.”

These challenges are resolved with the new line of antimicrobial masterbatches. They boast significant improvements in dispersion, lower abrasion and higher efficacy. These products are intended for use in fine denier polyester, nylon and polypropylene fibers.

“The dispersion quality and pack life of the new antimicrobial masterbatches are among the best in the industry,” added Roger Threadgill, technology manager at Americhem. “The high concentration of silver in antimicrobial masterbatches provides cost-effective inhibitory activity against a wide-range of microorganisms including bacteria and fungi, among others.”

Americhem’s new antimicrobials offer improved performance to a wide-array of markets and end-product applications including:

- Sports and Performance Apparel
- Health and Homecare Textiles (bedding and mattresses, upholstery, respiratory masks and uniforms)
- Carpets and Flooring
- Shoes
- Filters
- Artificial turf

**About Americhem**

Americhem is a global organization that delivers custom color and additive solutions for clients seeking superior performance and batch-to-batch consistency for their polymer and synthetic fibers products. The company specializes in color and additive masterbatches all backed by complete technical support that ensures quality, reliability and value. Americhem operates six manufacturing plants and also maintains representative sales offices in Mexico City and Luxembourg. Corporate research & development facilities and headquarters are located in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. For more information visit Americhem.com or call 888-659-9045.