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AMERICHEM TO FOCUS ON MANUFACTURING CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

CUYAHOGA FALLS, Ohio, September 25, 2008 – In order to streamline manufacturing operations at its North American centers of excellence, Americhem, Inc. has announced that it will be closing its Elgin, Illinois manufacturing facility in early 2009.

“This is part of our overall strategy to consolidate and further invest in our major manufacturing facilities in the U.S.,” said Dave Bouton, Americhem’s Vice President and General Manager for North America. “This past year we’ve added significant capacity at our four major U.S. facilities and can absorb the Elgin products very effectively.”

“Our North American manufacturing centers of excellence give us significant advantages versus a small, specialty plant like Elgin,” says Gary Dale, Americhem’s Director of Manufacturing for North America. Dale sighted advantages for customers including service, technical support and cost position as reasons for the restructuring.

“Americhem has positioned itself to succeed and thrive during difficult economic times,” continues Dale. “With this announcement, we are further strengthening our competitiveness and ability to grow in this challenging economic environment.”

Bouton pointed to material cost increases and continued escalation in energy, transportation, and health care costs as major challenges facing the color concentrate industry. “In order to continue offering innovation and value to our customers, we must constantly seek ways to solidify our competitiveness,” states Bouton.

Americhem operates plants in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; Mansfield, Texas; Concord, North Carolina; Dalton, Georgia; Manchester, U.K.; and Suzhou China. Each plant is maintained as a center of excellence focusing on specific product categories and markets. Products currently manufactured in Elgin will be shifted to these locations.

ABOUT AMERICHEM

Americhem is a global organization that delivers custom color and additive masterbatch solutions for clients seeking superior performance and batch-to-batch consistency for their polymer products. The company specializes in color and additive masterbatches, and single pigment dispersions, all backed by complete technical support that ensures quality, reliability and value. Americhem operates six manufacturing plants and also maintains representative sales offices in Shanghai, México City and Luxembourg. Central Research & Development facilities and headquarters are located in Cuyahoga Falls, OH. For more information visit Americhem.com or call 800.228.3476.