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AMERICHEM EUROPE LTD RECEIVES THE APPROVAL OF THE QUEEN

MANCHESTER, U.K., Sept. 24, 2007 – On Friday 21st September, Her Majesty The Queen’s representative, the Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester – Mr Warren J Smith, JP - formally presented executives of Americhem Europe Ltd based in Eccles, with The Queen’s Award for Enterprise 2007 in the category of International Trade.

Invited VIPs joined the Right Worshipful, the Mayor of the City of Salford, Councillor Valerie May Burgoyne, the workforce and customers to celebrate this prestigious Award at Americhem’s premises in Eccles, Salford, Greater Manchester.

Dr Craig MacDougall, General Manager of Americhem Europe Ltd, who accepted the Award on behalf of the company said, “We are so proud to receive the Queen’s Award, the highest Award that a UK company can receive. Everyone at Americhem is honoured, delighted and justly proud of this accolade.”

VIP guest, Mr Peter Davis OBE, Director General of British Plastics Federation said, “Congratulations to Americhem for their well deserved Queen’s Award to Industry. This was given for quite remarkable achievements in export sales. Americhem sets a high standard for other plastics firms to follow, especially when we have a large trade deficit.”

The Award acknowledges that Americhem Europe Ltd has demonstrated significant continuous growth in overseas trade for the past six years by building on its strong local manufacturing base in Eccles. Americhem has been manufacturing colour and additive concentrates for over 13 years from its current location in Eccles supporting growth in employment, training and development opportunities in the local community.