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**AMERICHEM INTRODUCES ITS SOLUTION DYED COLOR AND ADDITIVES
LINE TO THE CHINESE MARKET**

SHANGHAI, China, May 1, 2006 – Americhem Inc., the Cuyahoga Falls, OH, U.S.A. producer of color masterbatch and specialty dispersions, is introducing its color and additives line for synthetic fibers at the ShanghaiTex exhibition to be held July 5-8 at the Shanghai New International Expo Centre. Americhem’s presence at the show emphasizes the company’s commitment to the Asia Pacific region and to the Chinese textile market specifically.

Americhem is the leading supplier of masterbatches for the production of solution dyed fibers and high performance additives for the global synthetic fibers industry. Solution dyeing is a process in which the colorant, preferably in the form of a masterbatch, is added to the polymer melt prior to extrusion into individual fibers. As a result, the color becomes an integral part of the fiber and is colored throughout. Americhem masterbatches offer colors that resist fading due to UV radiation, abrasion, harsh chemicals and bleach. Although the company focuses on producing custom color masterbatch, a wide range of stock colors are available for polyester, nylon 6, nylon 6,6, polypropylene, and emerging polymers such as PTT and PLA.

The company is emphasizing its commitment to China and other Asia Pacific countries with the opening of a 35,000 square foot full-service manufacturing facility and laboratory design center in Suzhou Industrial Park. The company held a grand opening ceremony for the facility in January 2006. In addition, Americhem operates two representative sales offices in Shanghai, China and Seoul, South Korea. Both of these offices commenced operations since 2003.

Americhem has installed a high speed spinning line in the Suzhou facility to simulate customer processes. This demonstrates the company’s commitment to produce the most technologically advanced color and additive products available to the manmade fibers community today.

Americhem Inc. is the world’s largest privately held custom color masterbatch producer. The company operates eight manufacturing plants in the U.S.A., Europe and China in addition to regional representative offices covering the globe.