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*New compounding lines meet the needs of growing PET BCF fibers markets*

**CUYAHOGA FALLS, Ohio (December 7, 2010)** – Americhem Inc., a global provider of custom color and additive solutions for synthetic fibers, recently added three compounding lines at its Concord, North Carolina facility, ensuring continuous supply and shortened lead-times for the growing polyester bulk continuous filament (BCF) market. This is Americhem’s second capacity expansion in the past three years at the North Carolina plant.

“Customers have long relied on Americhem’s Concord facility as a leader in color and additive masterbatch technology for polyester products,” said Jim Cook, Americhem’s plant manager in Concord. “With the floor coverings market increasingly shifting to the use of PET BCF fibers over staple and polyolefin-based fibers, Americhem can help our customers grow and gain the competitive edge.”

Two of the new lines are optimized to produce high-quality, consistent products in large lot sizes for the polyester floor covering industry, while the third line is designed to handle the textile industry’s critical specifications and small lot sizes. Additionally, Americhem added new technologies in the pre- and post-extrusion processes to provide optimal product consistency.

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“As we added the new lines, we renovated some of our existing areas to improve material flow and production efficiency,” Cook said. “Overall, we met our objectives to maximize the use of new equipment and technologies to best meet the needs of our customers, while creating 25 new jobs for the Concord community.”

Americhem’s masterbatches boast superior dispersion technology, outstanding yields and dramatically reduced production downtime. With more than two decades of experience in the production of color and additives for polyester, the Concord plant possesses defined color palettes and a thorough understanding of the intricacies associated with the industry.

For more information on Americhem’s products and technologies for the synthetic fibers industry, visit [www.americhem.com](http://www.americhem.com) or call 800.228.3476.

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