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AMERICHEM ADDS PRODUCTION CAPACITY, SPACE AT ITS MANCHESTER, UK PLANT

CUYAHOGA FALLS, Ohio (July 26, 2011) – Americhem Inc., a global provider of custom color and additive solutions for synthetic fibers, has added a new production line at its Manchester, United Kingdom plant. The line is anticipated to add more than two kilotons per annum of color and additive masterbatch capacity to the site.

The new line has been added to manufacture customized masterbatches for synthetic turf applications. Americhem has grown with the synthetic turf market in Europe, providing custom color solutions for turf producers. The company also produces UV-stabilizing masterbatches and other additives, including antimicrobials, flame retardants and processing aids. Americhem’s investment in research, development and product quality ensure that customers receive a consistent product with each order and within orders.

“The addition of this new production line, combined with Americhem’s 70 years of experience, makes us the clear choice for the latest turf technologies, backed by our world renowned quality and customer service,” said Martin von Wolfersdorff, Sales and Marketing Director EMEA. “By working with our customers on turf solutions, we become an extension of their organization, enabling us to partner with them from initial product concept through commercialization.”

In addition to the new production line, the Manchester plant has reorganized its manufacturing space and expanded into a warehouse immediately adjacent to the plant. At 50,000 square meters, the new space has nearly doubled the plant’s operational footprint.

The new production line will be supplemented later this year when Americhem begins operating a synthetic turf yarn pilot line, which will be located at the company’s Dalton, Georgia, U.S.A. facility. The line will allow for raw material testing of pigment palettes, stabilizers and additives and will greatly aid Americhem in conducting spin process studies and new formula developments, as well as allow for in-house customer trials.

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Americhem also offers in-house weathering capabilities at its Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, U.S.A. headquarters. The company operates many accelerated weathering devices including xenon arc and cool white fluorescent weatherometers. These devices help simulate decades of exposure while the company's outdoor weathering facility exposes products to true climate conditions.

For more information, please visit www.americhem.com.

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 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 Monterrey, Mexico and Luxembourg. Central Research & Development facilities and headquarters are located in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. For more information visit Americhem.com or call + 44.161.789.7832.

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