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AMERICHEM TO OPEN MANUFACTURING CAMPUS IN NORTH CAROLINA

CUYAHOGA FALLS, Ohio (June 7, 2011) – Americhem, a global provider of custom color and additive solutions for the polymer and synthetic fibers industries, recently announced it will establish a manufacturing campus on more than 40 acres in Liberty, NC, near Greensboro.

“This is an exciting time as we add the Liberty campus,” said Rick Juve, Americhem’s CEO. “It’s part of our long-term vision to stay on the leading edge of technology in our manufacturing capabilities and in our capacity to support our customers. We look forward to starting production at Liberty this fall.”

The addition of the Liberty campus is the company’s seventh capacity expansion in the past five years. The site consists of three buildings with a combined 185,000 square feet. In the future, that total can more than double due to the fact that the facilities were built with future expansion in mind. Americhem expects to have 25 million pounds of startup capacity at the Liberty campus by the fall.

Americhem Liberty will serve as a “center of excellence” for specialty additive masterbatch products, high quality white and performance black masterbatches, as well as precolor and specialty compounds. The facility infrastructure includes rail line access, a dedicated rail spur, silos, and close proximity to interstate highways. The Liberty facility will have a highly automated and efficient process flow and state-of-the-art manufacturing technologies. This will allow Americhem to optimize product quality, productivity, and cost efficiency.

“The opening of this site will offer significant advantages for our customers,” said Juve. “We are optimistic about the future of the masterbatch and specialty compounding markets in North America. Americhem expects to achieve double digit sales growth over the next several years and we’ll continue to focus on technology-based solutions that support our customers’ growth.”

“We’d like to acknowledge the support of the state of North Carolina and the city of Liberty in establishing our new campus,” Juve continued. “After over two decades of manufacturing experience at our Concord, NC facility, we look forward to expanding our relationship with the state and municipal governments.”



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