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H&S CHEMICAL COMPANY EARNS CERTIFICATION FOR CHEMSTEWARDS® PROGRAM
H&S Demonstrates Commitment to Continuous Environmental, Health, Safety and Security Improvements

COVINGTON, KY – (July 8, 2009) - H&S Chemical Co. Inc., a subsidiary of Syrgis Performance Products, today announced it has completed requirements for certification and compliance with the Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates (SOCMA) ChemStewards® program.

ChemStewards is SOCMA's flagship environmental, health, safety and security (EHS&S) continuous performance improvement program. ChemStewards was created from industry's commitment to continuous improvement and to reducing the environmental footprint left by members' facilities. Industry created ChemStewards to meet the unique needs of the batch, custom and specialty chemical industry. As a mandatory requirement for SOCMA members engaged in the manufacturing or handling of synthetic and organic chemicals, ChemStewards is helping participants reach for superior EHS&S performance.

"The ChemStewards certification is a confirmation of our desire to continuously improve so that we are better able to support our customers," said H&S Chemical President and Syrgis Performance Products CEO Andy Harris. "We are fortunate to have a strong team and a history of quality to support this registration process. The level of quality and environmental systems required to achieve a ChemStewards certification is testament to H&S Chemical's commitment to all of our stakeholders."

Certification is a vigorous process requiring facilities to review their current safety, security, health and environmental policies for hazards, risks, and legal requirements. The facilities must create management system documentation, train employees on their responsibilities and accountabilities, and enact operational controls and emergency responses as needed. The program also requires facilities to monitor and measure their performance, report these numbers back to SOCMA, and then take any necessary corrective action. Finally, all of this must be reviewed by a third-party auditor who analyzes the documentation and performs a facility inspection.

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"H&S Chemical should be proud to be ChemStewards certified," said Joe Acker, SOCMA's President. "Their customers can rest assured that their business is being handled by a company that makes sound environmental, health, safety and security management a top priority. SOCMA's ChemStewards Program is the only EHS&S program designed specifically for the batch, custom and specialty chemical industry. H&S's participation indicates their commitment to compliance with federal regulation and building cooperation throughout the supply chain."

About H&S Chemical

H &S Chemical, based in Covington, Ky., is a technology-based company serving various industries with select halogen specialty chemicals. The company manufactures iodine-based antiseptic and antimicrobial products for use in food, agriculture, dairy, cleaning and disinfection as well as a preservative for paint and lumber products. In addition, H&S Chemical manufactures products for odor and corrosion control, pharmaceuticals, computer chip manufacturing, aquaculture, and dairy cow hygiene. To learn more, please visit www.hschem.com.

About Syrgis Performance Products

Syrgis Performance Products is an international diversified group of fine and specialty chemical manufacturers. Headquartered in Covington, Ky., Syrgis is a suite of companies that includes Lycus, Ltd., H&S Chemical Co., Inc., P Chem, Inc. and Syrgis Performance Initiators, Inc. — all worldwide leaders in their respective niche markets today. Syrgis companies deliver high-quality products that meet the exacting standards of leading chemical solution providers in the agriculture, composites, cosmetic, electronics, fish and wildlife, mining, oil and gas, paints and coatings, pharmaceutical, plastics, semiconductor, and renewable energy industries. With strong backing from Cleveland, Ohio-based Edgewater Capital Partners, Syrgis is dedicated to delivering the high-performance products its customers need, supported by exceptional customer service and technical application expertise. To learn more, please visit <http://www.syrgis.com>.

About SOCMA

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