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**SYRGIS PROMOTES BOB GARNER
TO VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS AND ENGINEERING POSITION**

CINCINNATI, OH. – (May 7, 2010) – Syrgis, an international diversified group of fine and specialty chemical manufacturers, today announced the promotion of Bob Garner to Vice President of Operations and Engineering for the Syrgis group and also to General Manager of Syrgis Performance Specialties.

“Bob brings a strong track record supporting, managing and leading manufacturing and engineering at Syrgis, as well as throughout his career.” said Andy Harris, Syrgis CEO. “The Vice President of Operations and Engineering role better reflects Bob’s positive impact on the overall business as we further build-out our team and drive innovation and process improvement across the group. Additionally, Bob’s leadership skills are a strong asset to support the growth of Syrgis Performance Specialties in his role as General Manager.”

Garner joined Syrgis in January of 2005 as the Vice President of Manufacturing for PChem, a Syrgis operating company and was promoted to Vice President of Manufacturing for the Syrgis global group in October of 2007. Bob has 30 years of experience in production, maintenance, engineering, product/process development, process commercialization, contracts and transition management with various manufacturing companies, including Nektar Therapeutics, Great Lakes Chemical, Neste Resins and El Dorado Chemical Company. Bob earned a BS in Chemical Engineering from Louisiana Tech University.

About Syrgis

Syrgis is an international diversified group of fine and specialty chemical manufacturers. Headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, Syrgis is a suite of companies that includes Syrgis Performance Specialties, Syrgis PChem and Syrgis Performance Initiators, Inc. — all worldwide leaders in their respective niche markets. Syrgis companies deliver high-quality products that meet the exacting standards of leading chemical solution providers in the automotive, building materials, composites, cosmetic, mining, oil and gas, paints and coatings, personal care, plastics, renewable energy, transportation and water treatment 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 www.syrgis.com.

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