

News Release



Material Protection Products Business Unit of LANXESS Earns EPA Registrations for BIT Product Line

Addition of active ingredient to portfolio expected to enhance business

PITTSBURGH – May 14, 2007 – LANXESS Corporation's Material Protection Products (MPP) business unit has received Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registration for several formulations based on the active ingredient Benzisothiazolinone (BIT). These formulations include 10 percent and 20 percent BIT glycolic solutions, and a 20 percent BIT aqueous dispersion. LANXESS will market BIT under the brand names BIOCHEK[®] BIT 10, BIOCHEK[®] BIT 20 and BIOCHEK[®] BIT 20D.

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The MPP group currently offers an extensive portfolio of preservatives and biocides for in-can and dry-film applications. The addition of the BIT active ingredient to the product portfolio will enhance the business' ability to offer flexible solutions to meet customer-specific needs.

Many aqueous dispersions and emulsions can spoil during storage and use due to the growth of bacteria, fungi, molds, or other microorganisms. BIOCHEK[®] BIT 10, BIOCHEK[®] BIT 20 and BIOCHEK[®] BIT 20D microbial preservatives are for many aqueous systems. They demonstrate effective control of a wide range of organisms at cost-effective concentrations, long-term storage stability, ease of use due to their liquid form and good compatibility in most aqueous compositions, and a light color with attendant advantages.

In addition to a broad offering of products, the MPP business unit has a Technology Center at LANXESS Corporation Headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pa., that offers microbiological and analytical services; regulatory specialists who work with the EPA, FDA and appropriate state agencies to ensure all products are properly registered/approved; and a production, distribution, sales and customer service network that offers a platform for customer growth.

About Material Protection Products

The Material Protection Products business unit, one of the leading manufacturers and suppliers of biocidal active ingredients and formulations for the beverage industry, wood protection, cosmetics, disinfection and industrial applications, including paints, glues and related applications, is part of the Performance Chemicals segment, which achieved sales of EUR 1.812 billion in fiscal 2006.

Detailed information on the Material Protection Products business unit's portfolio of products can be found at www.mpp.us.lanxess.com.

About LANXESS

LANXESS Corporation was formed when the Bayer Group combined most of its chemical businesses and large segments of its polymer activities. The Company began operating as a legal entity in the United States on July 1, 2004. LANXESS Corporation is a member of the German LANXESS-Group that was spun-off from Bayer in January 2005.

LANXESS manufactures high-quality products in the areas of chemicals, synthetic rubber and plastics. The Company's portfolio comprises basic and fine chemicals, color pigments, plastics, synthetic rubber and rubber chemicals, leather, material protection products and water treatment products.

In 2006, LANXESS Corporation employed about 1,400 persons in the United States.

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