

Arkema Inc. Appoints R.T. Vanderbilt Company, Inc. its Exclusive Distributor for TPS[®], VPS[®] and SPS[®] additive product lines in the United States

PHILADELPHIA, PA, October 2, 2008 – Arkema Inc. has appointed R.T. Vanderbilt Company, Inc. as the exclusive distributor of its sulfurized EP additive product lines in the United States. Vanderbilt will be responsible for promoting Arkema's sulfurized EP additives, which include TPS[®] (tertiary alkyl polysulfides), VPS[®] (clear sulfurized ester products) and the new SPS[®]10LS (a water-soluble polysulfide). The TPS[®], VPS[®], and SPS[®]10LS products are used as extreme pressure, anti-wear and lubricity additives in the industrial and metalworking lubricants.

"We're extremely pleased to have Vanderbilt distributing our lubricant additives into the petroleum and metalworking markets," said Jonathan Weaver, TPS[®] Product Manager for Arkema's North American Thiochemicals Business Unit. "They will bring clear synergies to our customers with their VANLUBE[®] additive product line and their high level of technical service and formulating expertise. We expect them to significantly expand our market presence in the US market and help our customers with the full value of the TPS[®] additive product line.

"Vanderbilt brings many years of valuable experience and technical expertise from the automotive and grease markets that will be a significant asset to our customer base," Weaver noted. Vanderbilt will provide a full range of customer service, technical service, bench testing, application support, and warehousing.

R.T. Vanderbilt Company, headquartered in Norwalk, Connecticut, is a manufacturer and distributor of chemicals and minerals serving a diverse set of markets throughout the world. Founded in 1916, the company recently celebrated its 90th anniversary.

"The addition of Arkema's sulfurized EP additives to our product line will complement our current product offerings and allow us to provide our customers with one of the best EP products in the marketplace," said Steven Donnelly, Global Business Manager of Vanderbilt's Petroleum Department. "We have made a significant investment in upgrading our application laboratory in Norwalk, and we will continue to devote resources to expand our capabilities. Our current laboratory capabilities and a solid product offering will definitely benefit our customers."

A global chemical company and France's leading chemicals producer, Arkema consists of three strategically related businesses: Vinyl Products, Industrial Chemicals, and Performance Products. Arkema reported sales of 5.7 billion euros in 2007. Arkema has 15,200 employees in over 40 countries and six research centers located in France, the United States and Japan. With internationally recognized brands, Arkema holds leadership positions in its principal markets.

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