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Quaker Chemical Completing Expansion in Middletown

16 months from shovel-in-the-ground to on-line production

CONSHOHOCKEN, PA (October 12, 2009) – Quaker Chemical Corporation is putting the finishing touches on the previously-announced expansion of its Middletown, OH, manufacturing facility, located at 3431 Yankee Road. This expansion will allow Quaker to better serve its North American customers by producing its high-quality products in a centralized, modern, environmentally friendly facility. Quaker manufactures process chemicals, primarily for the steel and metalworking industries, in 16 plants around the world (four are in the US).

The Company's Middletown expansion includes a new 12,000 sq. ft. production building which houses state-of-the-art, computer controlled blending and transfer systems. The old production area in the existing building will be converted into additional warehouse space, and there have been upgrades to existing site utilities and employee facilities. This expansion is Quaker's third major investment in its Middletown operation since it was acquired from United Lubricants in 2002.

The Company broke ground on the project as scheduled in July 2008. Construction continued through the winter, and by March 2009 many major components were on-site. By May the building structure was complete, and work moved inside. After several months of hard work, the extensive piping, process control and electrical work is nearing an end in preparation for an estimated start-up date in November 2009. FMC (Chicago, IL) is the General Contractor for the project; they subcontracted three Southwestern Ohio firms for piping, electrical and building construction.

"Even during these challenging economic times, the support we have received from the City of Middletown, the Butler County Port Authority, and the State of Ohio has not wavered, and neither has our commitment to this project and to Middletown. We're very pleased that we were able to remain on track with this project," comments Fred Sansom, Global Director of Operations for Quaker.

Mike Barry, Chairman, CEO and President of Quaker Chemical, adds, "Earlier this year Quaker took aggressive cost reduction measures around the globe in response to the global economic crisis, which has significantly impacted our customers, particularly in the auto and steel markets. Yet we are focused on the long-term, and have remained committed to certain initiatives that will position us well for the future. The Middletown facility is key to our North American manufacturing operations, and as such we have continued to invest in this project."

Financing for the expansion project includes a \$10 million industrial development bond issued through the Butler County Port Authority, and a \$3.5 million loan from the Ohio Department of Development.

Quaker recently hired a Production Manager and is preparing to increase staffing in Middletown. When fully ramped-up, the Company expects to add up to 40 positions in its Middletown facility, mainly in the production area.

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