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HB CHEMICAL CORPORATION TO BECOME DISTRIBUTOR FOR ORION ENGINEERED CARBONS RUBBER CARBON BLACKS IN NORTH AMERICA

KINGWOOD, Texas, Nov. 24, 2015 – Orion Engineered Carbons LLC and HB Chemical Corporation have signed a letter of intent to establish HB Chemical as a distributor for Orion Rubber Carbon Black products in North America. The companies expect to finalize the arrangement in the next 30 days.

HB Chemical of Twinsburg, Ohio, has warehouses throughout the U.S. and in Toronto, Canada. It will distribute the full line of Orion Carbon Blacks for the rubber market, including new ECORAX[®] grades for truck tire carcass compounds and SABLE[™] products for manufactured rubber goods.

“HB Chemical has an exceptional reputation in the U.S. rubber market,” said Jose Briones, Marketing Manager – Rubber. “It is recognized in the industry for its knowledge of rubber technology and science, and understanding of the market.”

Briones added that HB Chemical sells many other chemicals and additives products that complement Carbon Black.



Noting that Orion is one of the market leaders in Specialty and Rubber Carbon Black, HB Chemical President Jeff Rand said that Orion Carbon Blacks will be flagship items for the distributorship.

“Partnering with Orion allows us to offer customers a North American-made, high quality product rather than Asian material,” he said. “What’s more, customers will be able to take advantage not only of our technical expertise but Orion’s as well.”

About HB Chemical

Founded in 1985, HB Chemical is a leading distributor of chemicals to the rubber, plastics and coatings industries. An ISO 9001-certified company based in Twinsburg, Ohio, HB Chemical maintains an inventory of more than 600 products ranging from carbon black to accelerators, oxides to plasticizers and resins to waxes. Customers benefit from the company’s vast infrastructure, comprising 15 warehouses throughout North America, and outstanding customer service.

About Orion Engineered Carbons S.A.

Orion Engineered Carbons is a worldwide supplier of Carbon Black. The Company offers standard and high-performance products for Coatings, Printing Inks, Polymers, Rubber and other applications. Our high-quality Gas Blacks, Furnace Blacks and Specialty Carbon Blacks tint, colorize and enhance the performance of plastics, paints and coatings, inks and toners, adhesives and sealants, tires, and manufactured rubber



goods such as automotive belts and hoses. With 1,360 employees worldwide, Orion Engineered Carbons runs 15 global production sites and four Applied Technology Centers. For more information visit our website www.orioncarbons.com.

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