



Koppers Announces March 2007 Retirement of European Operations Executive

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Company names James T. Dietz to replace retiring David Whittle as VP and General Manager of European Operations effective March 31, 2007

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 31 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Koppers Holdings Inc. (NYSE: KOP) today announced that Dr. David Whittle, Vice President & General Manager, European Operations, will be retiring effective March 31, 2007. Dr. Whittle, 64, has been responsible for European operations since Koppers acquired 100% ownership of the former Tarconord A/S entity (now known as Koppers Europe) in May 2000.

Koppers concurrently announced the appointment of James T. Dietz to replace Dr. Whittle effective March 31, 2007. Mr. Dietz, 50, has more than 21 years of experience in the coal tar distillation business, with a background in engineering and operations. Mr. Dietz is currently operations manager for Koppers' North American Carbon Materials & Chemicals business. In his new capacity, Mr. Dietz will report to Kevin J. Fitzgerald, who was recently named Senior Vice President, Global Carbon Materials & Chemicals.

About Koppers

Koppers, with corporate headquarters and a research center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is a global integrated producer of carbon compounds and treated wood products. Including its joint ventures, Koppers operates facilities in the United States, United Kingdom, Denmark, Australia, China, the Pacific Rim and South Africa. The stock of Koppers Holdings Inc. is publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "KOP." For more information, visit us on the Web: www.koppers.com. Questions concerning investor relations should be directed to Brian H. McCurrie at 412 227 2153 or Michael W. Snyder at 412 227 2131.

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