



Koppers Completes Construction Projects in China

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PITTSBURGH, PA, May 01, 2009 (MARKET WIRE via COMTEX) -- Koppers Holdings Inc. (NYSE: KOP) today announced the completion of construction and commissioning of a 300,000 metric ton capacity tar distillation plant for its new 30% owned joint venture in Hebei Province, China, known as Tangshan Koppers Kailuan Carbon Chemical Company Limited ("TKK"), as well as the completion of a project to expand the capacity of its existing 60% owned tar distillation plant in Tangshan, China, known as Koppers (China) Carbon and Chemical Co., Ltd. ("KCCC"), from 150,000 metric tons to 200,000 metric tons. Koppers provided the technology and the commissioning teams for both projects. This expansion of capacity is intended to meet the anticipated increasing demand for high-quality vacuum distilled pitch required by the aluminum and graphite industries in China and various export markets including the Middle East, India, Russia, South Africa, Australasia and the Americas.

Walter W. Turner, President and CEO of Koppers, said, "We are pleased that the construction and commissioning of TKK and the expansion of KCCC have been completed, and we are excited about the additional production that will result from the completion of these projects. We believe that this added capacity will further enhance our abilities not only as a global supplier to the aluminum industry but also increase our footprint in the growing domestic Chinese markets."

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 and China. 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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