



Dr. Sharon Feng and Stephen R. Tritch Elected to Koppers Board of Directors

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PITTSBURGH, PA, May 06, 2009 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX) -- The shareholders of Koppers Holdings Inc. (NYSE: KOP) have elected Dr. Sharon Feng and Stephen R. Tritch as directors of the company at the Koppers Annual Meeting of Shareholders. In addition, T. Michael Young was reelected as a Director of Koppers.

Dr. Feng is currently the Vice President, Industrial and Environmental Affairs/Logistics Management of LANXESS Corporation. Previously, Dr. Feng served as the Vice President of Business Development, Coatings and Adhesives, Asia Pacific Region for Bayer MaterialScience. In this role, Dr. Feng was responsible for the construction of the Polymer Research and Development Center in Shanghai and establishing the technical organization to support Bayer's business in the Asia Pacific region. Dr. Feng was also the Director of Polyurethane Research, North America for Bayer MaterialScience. Dr. Feng is the author of 30 technical publications and has been the invited speaker for numerous professional and technical conferences.

Mr. Tritch is currently the Chairman of Westinghouse Electric Company. He served as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Westinghouse since 2002. Mr. Tritch held numerous managerial positions from the time he began his Westinghouse career in 1971 as a product engineer in the former Power Circuit Breaker Division. He is a member of the American Nuclear Society and was appointed by President George W. Bush to the President's Export Council in 2007. In addition Mr. Tritch is the Chairman of the Engineering Board of Visitors at the University of Pittsburgh and Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Senator John Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh. Mr. Tritch also serves on the Board of Trustees for the University of Pittsburgh, the Board of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC), the Board of the United Way of Allegheny County, and the Board of the Allegheny County Conference on Community Development. Mr. Tritch is also a director of The Shaw Group Inc. (NYSE: SGR).

"We are very pleased to add Sharon and Steve to our Board. Their knowledge, global experience and extensive backgrounds will be a great complement to the current Board," said Walter W. Turner, President and CEO of Koppers.

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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