



Koppers Holdings Inc. Applies for Permits to Construct Naphthalene Unit

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Consolidation of Tar Distillation Operations Being Considered

PITTSBURGH, PA -- (Marketwired) -- 07/15/14 -- Koppers Holdings Inc. (NYSE: KOP) today announced that it will be applying for various environmental permits as it investigates the possibility of consolidating its North American tar distillation operations.

"This is another step in Koppers continual process of evaluating opportunities to improve the long-term operating structure of our carbon materials and chemicals business," said Walter W. Turner, President and Chief Executive Officer. "One of the most promising scenarios currently under consideration involves consolidating our tar distillation operations, which would require us to relocate naphthalene production from our Follansbee, West Virginia facility to our Stickney, Illinois facility."

Mr. Turner continued, "A potential plant consolidation in North America would provide Koppers with its first full-service plant that would include coal tar distillation as well as downstream distillate and chemical production of naphthalene and phthalic anhydride. This would allow us to better serve our customers through a more consistent quality, production, and delivery of product while also effectively addressing our goal of being more cost competitive. I expect that we will make a decision within the next several months, once the analysis is completed."

The Company emphasized that any decision concerning this matter was tentative, and would only become finalized after further exploration and discussion with all potentially affected employees and union representatives. If a decision is actually made to move forward, it is possible that a new naphthalene unit could be operational at Stickney in early 2016.

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, Canada, 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 at www.koppers.com. Questions concerning investor relations should be directed to Leroy M. Ball at 412 227 2118 or Michael W. Snyder at 412 227 2131.

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