



Koppers Signs Long-Term Contracts for Rail Joints With Norfolk Southern and Union Pacific Railroad

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PITTSBURGH, PA -- (Marketwired) -- 06/28/16 -- Koppers Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Koppers Holdings Inc. (NYSE: KOP), announced today that it has signed long-term contracts with two of its largest railroad customers that will increase its market share for a critical maintenance-of-way component.

The contracts, three years with Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS) and five years with Union Pacific Railroad (UP), are both for bonded rail joint assemblies.

In addition to bonded rail joint assemblies, Koppers provides various other types of rail joint bar and track component products along with treated railroad crossties and other treated wood products and services to both NS and UP. Koppers produces the bonded rail joint assemblies at its facility located in Huntington, West Virginia.

"These contracts will collectively represent more than a 20 percent year-over-year sales increase in our rail joint business, and are a recognition of the quality products that we supply to this market. While our core focus in our railroad business continues to be the production of high quality wooden crossties, we will continue to look for additional ways to build around that strength with other maintenance-of-way products and services," said Thomas Loadman, Senior Vice President, Railroad Products and Services.

About Koppers

Koppers, with corporate headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is an integrated global provider of treated wood products, wood treatment chemicals and carbon compounds. Our products and services are used in a variety of niche applications in a diverse range of end-markets, including the railroad, specialty chemical, utility, residential lumber, agriculture, aluminum, steel, rubber, and construction industries. Including our joint ventures, we serve our customers through a comprehensive global manufacturing and distribution network, with facilities located in North America, South America, Australasia, China and Europe. 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 Michael J. Zugay at 412 227 2231 or Quynh McGuire at 412 227 2049.

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