

Koppers Announces Executive Appointments

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Company names Kevin Fitzgerald to newly-created post of Senior VP Global Carbon Materials & Chemicals

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 23 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Koppers Holdings Inc. (NYSE: KOP) today announced that Kevin J. Fitzgerald, Vice President & General Manager, Carbon Materials & Chemicals Division, has been promoted to the newly-created position of Senior Vice President, Global Carbon Materials & Chemicals. Mr. Fitzgerald, 53, who has more than 35 years of experience in the coal tar chemicals business, will assume overall management responsibility for the Company's global Carbon Materials & Chemicals segment, which represents approximately 60 percent of total revenues for Koppers.

Walter W. Turner, President and Chief Executive Officer of Koppers said, "As the Carbon Materials & Chemicals business has grown throughout the world, the need for increased coordination of our global sales and production capabilities has emerged. With the establishment of this position and these appointments, I am optimistic that we can further maximize our opportunities and accelerate the growth of our business around the world."

In a related move, Koppers also announced the appointment of Michael J. Mancione to Vice President, North American Carbon Materials & Chemicals, to assume Mr. Fitzgerald's duties. Mr. Mancione, 40, has 21 years of experience in plant operations, logistics, and sales and marketing.

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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