



Koppers Expands Carbon Testing Capabilities With Hiring of Daniel Gray

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Former Owner of R & D Carbon Petrography Bolsters Microscopy Services

PITTSBURGH, PA, Mar 05, 2008 (MARKET WIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Koppers Inc., a subsidiary of Koppers Holdings Inc. (NYSE: KOP), has hired Daniel P. Gray as a senior research scientist.

Gray is the former owner of R & D Carbon Petrography, a world leader in the microscopic analysis of carbon materials. With more than 25 years of petrography experience, Gray's expertise further expands Koppers capabilities in developing carbon products that meet end users' specifications and quality requirements. Gray joins other engineers and researchers at Koppers Harmarville Technical Center, a world-class research and development facility that provides essential technical support to our customers around the world.

Koppers uses the latest in chromatography, microscopy and spectroscopy equipment -- in conjunction with our considerable technical expertise -- to meet a variety of industry needs. Koppers on-site microscopy services now include quantitative and qualitative analyses of and reporting on a variety of carbon materials, including coal, metallurgical coke, petroleum coke, carbon pitch and carbon black, as well as microscopic evaluation of carbons such as electrodes, anodes, cathodes, carbon foams, mesophase pitch, carbon composites and other specialty carbon products. Through open, ongoing consultation and guidance, Koppers and our customers collaborate to achieve the highest-quality finished product. As technology advances, the importance of these collaborative efforts becomes even more important.

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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