



Koppers Agrees to Sell Coke Plant

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PITTSBURGH, PA, Aug 04, 2008 (MARKET WIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Koppers Holdings Inc. (NYSE: KOP) announced today that its wholly owned subsidiary, Koppers Inc., has entered into a definitive agreement to sell its metallurgical coke plant located in Monessen, Pennsylvania to ArcelorMittal SA for a purchase price of approximately \$160 million. Closing of the transaction is subject to customary closing conditions including regulatory approvals required under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act. Koppers expects the transaction to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2008.

Revenues for the Monessen plant for the first quarter of 2008 net of inter-company sales amounted to approximately \$16 million, or 5% of first quarter 2008 sales.

Walter W. Turner, President and CEO of Koppers, said, "We are pleased to have been able to negotiate this sale of what we view as a non-core business and believe that the change in ownership will be beneficial to all parties including the customers and employees of the Monessen plant. More specifically for Koppers, the completion of this transaction enhances our focus on our core business strategies in support of continued growth in the aluminum and railroad markets and provides for enhanced balance sheet flexibility with regards to merger and acquisition opportunities, refinancing, dividends and share repurchases."

UBS Securities, LLC is acting as exclusive financial advisor to Koppers Holdings Inc. Reed Smith LLP is acting as legal advisor to Koppers Holdings Inc.

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. 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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