



Koppers Signs 5-Year Sales Contract With Emirates Aluminium Company Limited PJSC (EMAL)

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PITTSBURGH, PA, Mar 04, 2009 (MARKET WIRE via COMTEX) -- Koppers Inc., a subsidiary of Koppers Holdings Inc. (NYSE: KOP), and Emirates Aluminium Company Limited PJSC (EMAL) have agreed to a new five-year contract for carbon pitch for EMAL's smelter operations in Abu Dhabi. The term of the contract runs through December 31, 2013. Volumes of carbon pitch under this contract are estimated to increase to 65,000 metric tons per year in 2011 after the initial phase of the EMAL smelter becomes fully commissioned in 2010. Shipments are expected to begin in the fourth quarter of 2009 and will be supplied by Koppers operations in China. The EMAL smelter is expected to have an initial output of 700,000 metric tons of aluminum upon completion of phase one, which should increase to 1.4 million metric tons after the completion of phase two.

"We are extremely pleased to be able to establish a relationship with a highly valued customer like EMAL," said Walter W. Turner, President and CEO of Koppers. Mr. Turner continued, "We believe the signing of this contract with EMAL enhances Koppers unique position with the global aluminum industry and underscores the importance we place on supplying smelters in the Middle East, as it is a key area for the projected global growth in aluminum production."

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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