



Koppers Announces Tender Offer for Its 9 7/8 Percent Senior Discount Notes Due 2014 and Expected Amendment to Credit Agreement

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PITTSBURGH, PA, Nov 12, 2009 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX) -- Koppers Holdings Inc., a Pennsylvania corporation (NYSE: KOP), today announced that it has commenced a tender offer to purchase all of its issued and outstanding 9 7/8% Senior Discount Notes due 2014. The tender offer is being made pursuant to an offer to purchase and a related letter of transmittal, each dated as of November 12, 2009. The early tender time of the tender offer is 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on November 25, 2009 and the tender offer will expire at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on December 10, 2009, unless extended.

Holders of Senior Discount Notes that are validly tendered prior to the early tender time and accepted for payment will receive \$1,049.38 per \$1,000 principal amount of the notes, plus any accrued and unpaid interest up to, but not including, the applicable settlement date. Holders of Senior Discount Notes that are validly tendered after the early tender time but before the expiration time will receive \$1,000.00 per \$1,000 principal amount of the notes, plus any accrued and unpaid interest up to, but not including, the applicable settlement date.

Pursuant to the indenture relating to the Senior Discount Notes, Koppers Holdings is permitted to redeem any Senior Discount Notes not tendered in such tender offer at any time after November 15, 2009 for 104.938 percent of principal value, declining annually in ratable amounts until the redemption price is equivalent to the principal value. Koppers Holdings presently intends to redeem pursuant to the terms of the indenture governing the Senior Discount Notes any Senior Discount Notes which remain outstanding following consummation of the tender offer at a redemption price equal to \$1,049.38 per \$1,000 principal amount of Senior Discount Notes. Although Koppers Holdings is not obligated to redeem the Senior Discount Notes, the expected amendment to Koppers Holdings' and its subsidiaries' existing credit agreement requires that proceeds sufficient to fund the redemption or repurchase of all of the Senior Discount Notes be deposited in an account with the administrative agent and restricts Koppers Holdings' ability to use the deposited funds for any purpose other than the repurchase or redemption of the Senior Discount Notes. However, there can be no assurance that any such repurchase or redemption will occur.

The tender offer is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of certain conditions, including the consummation of a notes offering in which our wholly-owned subsidiary, Koppers Inc., obtains new debt financing yielding net proceeds which, when paid as a dividend to Koppers Holdings in compliance with applicable laws, are in an amount that is sufficient to pay the total consideration to tendering holders, together with all fees and expenses associated with the offering, on terms and conditions satisfactory to Koppers Holdings in its sole discretion. Subject to these conditions, Koppers Holdings reserves the right to accept for purchase all notes validly tendered on or prior to the early tender time and pay the total consideration on an early settlement date following the early tender time. If Koppers Holdings does not exercise the option to settle on the early settlement date, holders of notes validly tendered and accepted for payment will receive the total consideration or the tender offer consideration, as applicable, promptly following the expiration time. Koppers Holdings may amend, extend or terminate the tender offer in its sole discretion.

Koppers Holdings Inc. also announced today an expected amendment to Koppers Inc.'s and its subsidiaries existing credit agreement. The credit agreement is expected to be amended to: (i) extend the expiration date of the revolving credit facility to October 31, 2013 (ii) increase the Pricing Grid by 25 basis points per level, (iii) amend the Maximum Leverage Ratio to 4.50x for 2010-2011 and 4.00x onwards, (iv) eliminate the Domestic Interest Coverage Ratio, (v) include a maximum Senior Secured Leverage Ratio of 2.75x for all periods starting in the fourth quarter of 2009 and beyond, and (vi) eliminate the Maximum Amount of Obligations. The expected amendment also requires that proceeds sufficient to fund the redemption or repurchase of all of the Senior Discount Notes be deposited in an account with the administrative agent. The expected amendment restricts Koppers ability to use the deposited funds for any purpose other than the repurchase or redemption of the Senior Discount Notes.

This news release is neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell any notes. The tender offer is being made pursuant to the offer to purchase and related letter of transmittal, copies of which will be delivered to all holders of Koppers Holdings' 9 7/8% Senior Discount Notes due 2014. Persons with questions regarding the tender offer should contact the lead dealer manager -- Goldman, Sachs & Co. at (800) 828-3182 (toll free) -- or the Information Agent, Global Bondholder Services Corporation, at (866) 470-4300 (toll free).

Any securities which may be offered in the aforementioned debt financing transaction will not be and have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration requirements.

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.

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Certain statements in this press release are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and may include, but are not limited to, statements about sales levels, restructuring, profitability and anticipated expenses and cash outflows. All forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties. All statements contained herein that are not clearly historical in nature are forward-looking, and words such as "believe," "anticipate," "expect," "estimate," "may," "will," "should," "continue," "plans," "intends," "likely," or other similar words or phrases are generally intended to identify forward-looking statements. Any forward-looking statement contained herein, in other press releases,

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