



Koppers Signs Sales Contract Extension With Rio Tinto

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PITTSBURGH, PA, Aug 01, 2011 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX) -- A subsidiary of Koppers Holdings Inc. (NYSE: KOP) and Rio Tinto Aluminium Limited ("Rio Tinto") have agreed to a 42-month contract extension that begins January 1, 2011, and continues through June 30, 2014. Under the terms of the agreement Koppers will supply and transport liquid carbon pitch to Rio Tinto smelters in Australia at a total estimated value in excess of \$100 million over the contract period.

Commenting on the contract, Walter W. Turner, president and CEO of Koppers, said, "We are pleased to be able to continue our strong relationship with an important customer like Rio Tinto. The global aluminum industry is an important market for Koppers, and we are excited to share this growth opportunity with them. Our global presence in this market also provides us with the capability to provide carbon pitch to other Rio Tinto facilities worldwide."

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, The Netherlands, 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 Leroy M. Ball at 412 227 2118 or Michael W. Snyder at 412 227 2131.

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