



Koppers Signs Five-Year Contract Extension With Union Pacific RR

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PITTSBURGH, PA, May 01, 2012 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX) --Koppers Inc., a subsidiary of Koppers Holdings Inc. (NYSE: KOP), and Union Pacific Railroad Company have agreed to extend their existing sales contract for an additional five years through January 31, 2017. Koppers provides treated railroad crossties and other railroad-related products and services to Union Pacific. The contract extension strengthens the historical relationship between Koppers and Union Pacific.

"We are pleased to be able to continue our long-term relationship with a highly valued customer like Union Pacific," said Walter W. Turner, president and CEO of Koppers. Mr. Turner continued, "We continue to strengthen our position as a major supplier to the North American railroad industry by expanding the products and services we offer to our railroad customers."

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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