



Koppers Inc. Announces Sale of Concrete Tie Business

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PITTSBURGH, PA -- (Marketwired) -- 07/13/15 -- Koppers Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Koppers Holdings Inc. (NYSE: KOP), announced today the sale of its jointly-owned concrete tie business, KSA Limited Partnership ("KSA"), to Rocla Concrete Tie, Inc. for an undisclosed sales price. KSA is a 50/50 joint venture between Koppers and certain subsidiaries of Lehigh Hanson, Inc.

Tom Loadman, senior vice president of Railroad Products and Services, said, "Similar to the divestiture of our U.S. utility pole business earlier this year, the divestiture of our concrete tie business allows us to redeploy financial and human resources and concentrate our focus on our other businesses serving the North American railroad industry where we believe we are better positioned to add value. I would like to thank our joint venture partners and KSA's customers for their support and the KSA employees for their many contributions and years of dedicated service."

Leroy Ball, president and CEO of Koppers, said, "The sale of our concrete tie business represents part of our previously announced strategy of divesting non-core businesses and reducing leverage. We have struggled to generate consistent and meaningful profitability from this business since the creation of the joint venture in 1991, and did not see a clear path to changing that pattern in the future. As a result, we elected to monetize the value of the business today by selling it to an industry leader that was better positioned to help it reach its full potential. We remain proud of KSA's track record within the industry and thankful to KSA's customers and employees for their support."

About Koppers

Koppers, with corporate headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is an integrated global producer of carbon compounds, chemicals, and treated wood products and services for the aluminum, railroad, specialty chemical, utility, rubber, concrete, steel, residential lumber, and agriculture industries. Including our joint ventures, we serve our customers through a comprehensive global manufacturing and distribution network, with facilities located in North America, South America, Australasia, China and Europe. 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 Michael J. Zugay at 412 227 2231.

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