



Koppers Inc. Announces Proposed Private Offering of \$400 Million Senior Notes Due 2025 and Expected New Credit Agreement

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PITTSBURGH, Jan. 13, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Koppers Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Koppers Holdings Inc. (NYSE: KOP), announced today that it is proposing an offering through a private placement of \$400 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes due 2025 (the "Notes"). It is expected that the Notes will be guaranteed by Koppers Holdings Inc. and certain of Koppers Inc.'s domestic subsidiaries. The net proceeds of this offering are intended to be used to repurchase any and all of Koppers Inc.'s outstanding \$300 million Senior Notes due 2019 (the "2019 Notes") and to pay related fees and expenses in connection with its previously announced tender offer and consent solicitation, and the redemption of any of the 2019 Notes that remain outstanding if Koppers Inc. purchases less than all of the outstanding 2019 Notes in the tender offer and consent solicitation. Any excess proceeds will be used to repay outstanding debt under Koppers Inc.'s senior secured credit facilities and for general corporate purposes.



The Notes and the related guarantees are being offered by the initial purchasers only to qualified institutional buyers in reliance on Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") or, outside the United States, to persons other than "U.S. persons" in compliance with Regulation S under the Securities Act. The Notes and the related guarantees have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act or the securities laws of any other jurisdiction and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, registration requirements. A confidential offering memorandum will be made available to eligible holders. The offering will be conducted in accordance with the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the offering memorandum.

Koppers Holdings Inc. also announced today that Koppers Inc. has commenced negotiations with a consortium of banks to enter into a new credit agreement. We anticipate that the new credit agreement, if consummated, would provide for a senior secured revolving credit facility of up to \$300.0 million and a senior secured term loan of up to \$200.0 million (the "New Senior Secured Credit Facilities"). If consummated, the New Senior Secured Credit Facilities would refinance Koppers Inc.'s existing senior secured revolving credit facility and senior secured term loan (the "Existing Senior Secured Credit Facilities") that mature on August 15, 2019. We anticipate that the New Senior Secured Credit Facilities, if completed, would mature in five years, would have terms and interest rates substantially consistent with the Existing Senior Secured Credit Facilities, would be guaranteed by Koppers Inc.'s domestic subsidiaries that currently guarantee its obligations under the Existing Senior Secured Credit Facilities, and would be secured by a lien on all of the personal property of Koppers Inc. and the guarantors in a manner consistent with the Existing Senior Secured Credit Facilities. The completion of negotiations and closing of the New Senior Secured Credit Facilities are subject to numerous contingencies and conditions, including, without limitation, the receipt of commitments from the lending banks and the completion of the offering of Notes described above and the previously announced tender offer and consent solicitation. There is no guarantee that the New Senior Secured Credit Facilities will become effective, and the offering of the Notes is not conditioned on the completion of the New Senior Secured Credit Facilities.

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About Koppers

Koppers, with corporate headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is an integrated global provider of treated wood products, wood treatment chemicals and carbon compounds. Our products and services are used in a variety of niche applications in a diverse range of end-markets, including the railroad, specialty chemical, utility, residential lumber, agriculture, aluminum, steel, rubber, and construction 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 or Quynh McGuire at 412 227 2049.

Safe Harbor Statement

Certain statements in this news 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, acquisitions, restructuring, declines in the value of Koppers assets and the effect of any resulting impairment charges, 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," "potential," "intends," "likely," or other similar words or phrases are generally intended to identify forward-looking statements. Any forward-looking statement contained herein, in other news releases, written statements or other

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