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SYRGIS PERFORMANCE PRODUCTS CEO JOINS SOCMA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

COVINGTON, KY. – (Jan. 27, 2009) – Syrgis Performance Products, an international diversified group of niche specialty chemical manufacturers, today announced that CEO Andy Harris was elected to the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers Association's (SOCMA) board of governors. Harris also sits on the Board of Directors for the University of Arizona Alumni Association.

“Andy is obviously doing a tremendous job as CEO of Syrgis Performance Products, and we look forward to his contribution as a member of SOCMA’s board of governors,” said Joe Acker, SOCMA president. “Like SOCMA, Syrgis is very focused on innovative, safe and environmentally responsible operations within the specialty batch chemical industry, and we think Andy’s experience will be very valuable in helping us guide the Association in the years ahead.”

Harris joined Syrgis in January 2007 and also serves as President of both H&S Chemical and Syrgis Performance Initiators, two of the Syrgis’ subsidiaries. Harris is responsible for the culture, day-to-day operations and long-term strategy at Syrgis and is focused on building the corporate infrastructure needed to support the company’s four subsidiaries:

- **H&S Chemical Company, Inc.** - Located in Covington, Ky., and a technology-based manufacturer of select specialty halogen chemicals, particularly disinfectant and sanitizer products for use in cleaning and disinfection, biocides for paints and coatings, and fluorinated halocarbons for specialty electronic gases;
- **Lycus Ltd.** – Headquartered in El Dorado, Ark., and a leading producer of ultraviolet (UV) light absorbers for use in plastics, coatings/adhesives and personal care;
- **P Chem, Inc.** - Located in Latexo, Texas, and a provider of specialty corrosion inhibitors, scale inhibitors, chemical scavengers and various other specialty chemicals which are used in a broad range of oil and gas process applications; and
- **Syrgis Performance Initiators** – Headquartered in Helena, Ark., and Stockholm, Sweden, and a leading producer of organic peroxide initiators used in the polymerization of unsaturated polyester, vinyl ester, styrenic and other resins with vinyl unsaturation.

Harris posts 25 years of dynamic experience in specialty chemicals, oil & gas, process instrumentation and environmental equipment companies, including management experience with Betz Laboratories (now GE Water and Process Technologies), Endress+Hauser, Exxon Company USA, CerOx Corporation, Burkert Fluid Control Systems and Rovsing Dynamics.

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About Syrgis Performance Products

Syrgis Performance Products is an international diversified group of fine and specialty chemical manufacturers. Headquartered in Covington, Ky., Syrgis is a suite of companies that includes Lycus, Ltd., H&S Chemical Co., Inc., P Chem, Inc. and Syrgis Performance Initiators, Inc. — all worldwide leaders in their respective niche markets today. Syrgis companies deliver high-quality products that meet the exacting standards of leading chemical solution providers in the agriculture, composites, cosmetic, electronics, fish and wildlife, mining, oil and gas, paints and coatings, pharmaceutical, plastics, semiconductor, and renewable energy industries. With strong backing from Cleveland Ohio-based Edgewater Capital Partners, Syrgis is dedicated to delivering the high-performance products its customers need, supported by exceptional customer service and technical application expertise. To learn more, please visit www.syrgis.com.

About SOCMA

SOCMA is the leading trade association, serving the specialty-batch and custom chemical industry since 1921. SOCMA's nearly 300 members employ more than 100,000 workers across the country and produce 50,000 products valued at \$60 billion annually. For more information, please visit www.socma.com.

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