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Arch Chemicals and INVISTA Announce Strategic Alliance to Market Marine Anti-fouling Paint Additive (BOROCIDE™)

Japan, Apr. 5, 2004 – INVISTA (formerly DuPont Textiles & Interiors) Specialty Intermediates and Arch Chemicals, Inc. announce a newly formed alliance in the marine anti-fouling paint additive market. Arch Chemicals will market INVISTA's new boron product, BOROCIDE™ P, from the INVISTA DYTEK® business portfolio. BOROCIDE™ P, triphenylboron-pyridine, was recently introduced in Japan as an anti-fouling additive for below-the-waterline marine paints.

The strategic alliance of Arch Chemicals and INVISTA brings together a synergistic coupling of technology, market reach and knowledge. Working with Arch will allow BOROCIDE™ P to penetrate more rapidly the marine anti-fouling paint market, while Arch will be expanding its product portfolio and provide marine paint companies with a broader line of biocides. During the early 1990s, Arch was one of the first suppliers to begin offering environmentally preferable alternatives to the use of tributyl tins in marine paints.

“With the elimination of TBT-based anti-fouling paints, our customers are very interested in new, alternative technologies,” said Robert Martin, Global Business Manager for Arch's marine paint business. “We are committed to bringing to market new products, and we are excited about BOROCIDE™ P's potential and the role it plays in complementing our existing antifouling actives, zinc and copper OMADINE® biocides.”

Initial studies of BOROCIDE™ P indicate that its performance is similar to that of other organic biocides and does not contain copper additives typically used in existing alternatives for anti-fouling paint. Preliminary results indicate that BOROCIDE™ P degrades rapidly in seawater. BOROCIDE™ P can be used as a sole biocide or as a co-biocide in formulations.



Studies have shown that BOROCIDE™ P and zinc OMADINE® 's have enhanced performance as organic biocides when used together in marine paint however still rapidly degrade in the environment. At the January 2004 International Symposium on Anti-foulant and Marine Environment (InSAfE) conference in Japan, Arch Chemicals and INVISTA presented a technical paper and talk entitled "Efficacy and Chemistry of BOROCIDE™ P, a Non-Metal Anti-fouling Biocide". The current efficacy and decomposition data for BOROCIDE™ P was shared as well as discussing its interactions with zinc OMADINE®.

"INVISTA Specialty Intermediates is pleased and excited to be working with Arch Chemicals to market and extend the reach of this exciting new product in this market," said Keijiro Izutani, business manager for DYTEK®, Asia Pacific. "We have high expectations that with Arch's help BOROCIDE™ P will penetrate the anti-fouling market quickly."

Headquartered in Norwalk, CT, Arch Chemicals, Inc. is a global specialty chemicals company with \$1 billion in annual sales. Arch and its subsidiaries have 3,000 employees worldwide and leadership positions in three business segments -- Treatment Products, Microelectronic Materials and Performance Products. They serve leading customers in these markets with forward-looking solutions to their chemical needs. For information on Arch's biocides for marine paints and other applications, please visit www.archbiocides.com.

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INVISTA, currently a business unit of DuPont, is the largest integrated fiber and intermediates business in the world, with 2002 revenues of \$6.3 billion. It has 18,000 employees and interests in 50 global manufacturing sites. Headquartered in Wilmington, Del., it operates in 50 countries and is comprised of three businesses: Apparel; Interiors and Industrial; and Intermediates. INVISTA is committed to its customers' growth through market insights and technology innovations combined with a powerful portfolio of the best-known global brands and trademarks in the industry including: LYCRA®,

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