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EMERALD PERFORMANCE MATERIALS ACHIEVES GOLD STANDARD CERTIFICATION FROM AIB INTERNATIONAL

Cheyenne Foam Control Plant Recognized for Continuous Quality Improvement

CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH – Emerald Foam Control, LLC, a division of the Specialties Business Unit of Emerald Performance Materials announces that its Cheyenne, Wyo., plant received Gold Standard Certification from AIB International (AIBI).

The AIBI's Gold Standard Certification program is designed to provide continuous improvement in supplying facilities with the values of confidence, security and prosperity through full integration of GMP/sanitation, HACCP/safety and the quality of processes. To qualify, companies must demonstrate continuous quality improvement over a period of years.

“Achieving the gold standard certification has been part of our company’s overall business strategy, as we see it as a credible means for differentiating our products from other foam control suppliers,” said Frank Magazine, business manager for Emerald Foam Control. “Many multi-national food companies stake their reputation on food safety and quality and prefer to align themselves with quality suppliers they trust. We want these customers to think of Emerald first and as their only real choice for quality foam control products.”

Going forward, all Cheyenne-produced products’ labels will bear the AIB International Gold Standard Certification logo.

The elements of the Gold Standard Program, offered since 2001, are:

- GMP Audit Qualification – includes review and training in food safety procedures, management systems, pest control, operational methods, personnel practices and food safety and cleaning practices
- HACCP Validation and Verification – includes verification of the critical control points and on-site evaluation of the plan, its implementation, documentation review and validation of the HACCP records.
- Quality Systems Evaluation – verifies that systems are in place to minimize food-safety risks and maintain product quality from incoming raw materials,

- processing, maintenance and calibration practices through the storage and shipment of finished product to customers
- Product Evaluation – verifies consistent quality of products and ingredients and compliance to FDA regulations, including packaging and labeling requirements.

For more information on Emerald's Foam Control products, call 1-866-688-FOAM (3626) or visit www.emeraldmaterials.com.

Emerald Performance Materials, LLC produces and markets technologically advanced specialty chemicals for a broad range of food and industrial applications. Its products play a variety of roles in the products that are consumed and used every day enabling them to last longer, look, smell, taste or perform better. Emerald products are used in aerospace, food, beverages, cosmetics, toothpaste, household products, paint, tires, automobiles, sports gear and many other applications. Headquartered in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Emerald has seven operations and approximately 600 employees.

Emerald Specialties Group is a business unit of Emerald Performance Materials, providing a wide array of product lines for specialty additives for food and industrial applications, ranging from Hilton Davis® colorants, Freerez® cross-linkers, FOAM BLAST® and KFO® defoamers, MASIL® reactive silicones and other specialty additives. Its foam control technology includes a full range of silicone and non-silicone defoamer chemistries, providing global support to its customers. Applications include food processing, fermentation, metalworking, coatings, ink, textile, water treatment, personal care and the pulp and paper industries.
