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DSM Desotech Earns RC 14001 Chemical Industry Environmental Recognition

SRI Quality System Registrar has recently awarded an RC14001 Environmental Management System certificate to global UV-curable materials leader DSM Desotech, located in Elgin, Illinois and Stanley, North Carolina, for the activities, products, and services related to the design and manufacture of UV-curable fiber optic, ink, resin and coating materials.

According to A. Joseph Falcsik, SRI's Vice President, Certification: "We are pleased to acknowledge that DSM Desotech has demonstrated the effective implementation of an environmental management system that satisfies the new chemical industry standard. RC14001 certification provides evidence to customers, suppliers, employees, and to nearby communities of the commitment by DSM Desotech to making health, safety, security and the environment a top priority."

Responsible Care, launched by the American Chemistry Council over 16 years ago, is the U.S. chemical industry's performance improvement initiative. RC14001 allows companies to combine the ACC's Responsible Care Management System requirements with those of the ISO 14001 environmental management systems standard into a single, integrated certification audit. In addition to meeting the requirements of the RCMS Technical Specification, companies seeking RC14001 certification must adhere to the rules set forth by national accreditation bodies that govern the ISO process. This technical specification provides the basis for an ANAB-accredited registrar such as SRI to certify DSM Desotech, Inc..

"DSM is committed to our Triple P ambition: People, Planet and Profit, with the core value of sustainability," says DSM Desotech President Henk-Jan Koenen. "We are continuously improving the sustainability of our operations and the value chains in which we operate, and earning certifications such as RC 14001 are an important part of that effort."

In addition to the RC 14001 certification earned by DSM Desotech's USA facilities in Elgin and Stanley, DSM Desotech also operates an ISO 14001 certified facility in Hoek van Holland, the Netherlands.

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SRI Quality System Registrar

SRI Quality System Registrar is an internationally accredited registrar for management systems standards, such as ISO 9001, AS9100, ISO/TS 16949, ISO 13485, and environmental management systems standards, such as ISO 14001 and RC14001. SRI also provides public training for auditing, implementing, and maintaining these standards.

About DSM Desotech

DSM Desotech (www.dsmdesotech.com) is a world leader in the development of high performance UV-curable materials. For the telecommunications industry, Desotech is the leading global supplier of UV-curable coatings, inks and matrix materials for the production of glass optical fiber and optical cable. In the rapid prototyping industry, DSM Desotech's Somos[®] group is a leading innovator of UV-curable stereolithography resins. In 2007 DSM Desotech launched its UVentio[™] group, dedicated to the formulation of custom UV/EB curable coatings for a wide variety of industries seeking solutions for challenging performance requirements. Since that time, two new business areas have been added to the UVentio[™] portfolio: UVolve[®] Instant Floor Coatings (www.UVolveCoatings.com) and UVaCorr[®] anti-corrosion coatings for tube and pipe applications (www.UVaCorr.com).

DSM Desotech is headquartered in Elgin, IL, USA, with facilities also located in Charlotte, North Carolina, USA, the Netherlands and China, as well as a joint venture in Japan. It is a business unit of DSM Resins and part of Royal DSM N.V. (www.dsm.com).

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