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SUBJECT: Evonik Goldschmidt to Participate in Green Tier Program

Madison, WI – Evonik Goldschmidt Corporation of Janesville, Wisconsin, one of the world’s leading specialty chemical companies, was welcomed into the state’s Green Tier program with a celebration today in Fitchburg. Green Tier encourages businesses and organizations to go beyond current rules and regulations to reduce their impact on the environment.

“Congratulations to Evonik Goldschmidt for stepping forward in the chemical industry to lead by example,” said DNR Secretary Matthew Frank. “Keeping Wisconsin green and growing, both economically and environmentally, is critical and we believe Green Tier can get us there.”

Evonik Goldschmidt (formerly known as Goldschmidt Chemical Corporation) specializes in producing raw materials for detergents, fabric softeners, cosmetics, and household cleaners as well as defoamers for detergents and odor absorbents for household products.

Evonik Goldschmidt’s environmental activities have taken them beyond mere compliance with environmental laws. For example, they installed an emissions scrubber that has reduced two hazardous air pollutants and upgraded the secondary containment for storage tanks to assure that potential spills don’t leave the site. And they have reduced wastewater contaminant loading by 30 percent.

"We are committed to superior environmental performance," said Dr. Reinhold Brand, President of Evonik’s Goldschmidt Corporation, part of the Evonik Industries

chemicals group. “We continually seek to integrate protection of the environment into our daily business activities because we realize that good environmental practices make good business sense.”

As a Green Tier participant, Evonik Goldschmidt plans to enhance its environmental performance by:

- reduce methyl chloride stack emissions;
- use less natural gas;
- reduce wastewater biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) loading;
- monitor progress of the environmental objectives indentified through its environmental management system; and,
- identify and implement new objectives through on-going environmental management programs.

Governor Jim Doyle signed Green Tier into law in 2004 to encourage a collaborative approach to environmental performance between the DNR and Wisconsin businesses. As part of Green Tier, Wisconsin organizations voluntarily commit to reduce their environmental footprint by developing and implementing environmental management systems. These systems act as a roadmap, presenting organizations the opportunity to adopt new technologies and practices to continually improve their environmental performance.

Evonik Goldschmidt is a Tier 1 participant in Green Tier. In exchange for a commitment to superior environmental performance, the DNR grants benefits to Tier 1 participants including deferred civil enforcement, a single point of contact within the department, use of the Green Tier logo on written materials, and annual public recognition of participation.

For more information on Green Tier and Evonik Goldschmidt, visit <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cea/environmental/participants/goldschmidt/index.htm>