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DSM and Berliner Glas reach agreement on licensing terms for KhepriCoat[™] anti-reflective coating system

DSM Functional Coatings B.V., part of Royal DSM N.V., and Berliner Glas KGaA, a leading European supplier of refined technical glass, announced today that they have agreed the terms of a licensing deal for DSM's anti-reflective coating system, KhepriCoat™. Berliner Glas intends to use KhepriCoat™ to improve the performance of its glass in lighting cover applications. The new deal is expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2010.

Anti-reflective glass plays an important role in lighting applications as it increases the light produced while at the same time reducing energy consumption. With DSM's high-efficiency KhepriCoat™ anti-reflective coating system, light transmission of lighting cover glass can be increased by up to 8% while durability and flexibility are also improved.

Dr. Andreas Nitze, CEO of Berliner Glas: "DSM's KhepriCoat[™] technology will take the performance of our lighting cover glass to the next level. There is a clear market need for cover glass which provides a higher light output without increasing energy consumption. With KhepriCoat[™], DSM has succeeded in developing a technology which now enables us to develop lighting cover applications that addresses this need."

Remko Goudappel, business director DSM Functional Coatings: 'Our focus at DSM is to develop innovative, high-performance materials that match society's sustainability demands and we are delighted to reach this agreement with Berliner Glass to license KhepriCoat[™]. This will bring added value to their lighting customers in terms of better lighting performance, while at the same time making an important environmental contribution.'

The Khepricoat[™] coating system was developed as part of DSM's Functional Coatings program that focuses on finding and testing new and diverse applications for DSM's proprietary coatings technology platform. It has been developed for a broad range of sustainability-related applications where the increased light transmission leads to higher efficiency and reduced energy consumption.

In addition to coatings for lighting applications, Khepricoat[™] played a key enabling role in the first multicrystalline-silicon solar panels in the world to achieve a conversion efficiency of 17%.

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DSM – the Life Sciences and Materials Sciences Company

Royal DSM N.V. creates innovative products and services in Life Sciences and Materials Sciences that contribute to the quality of life. DSM's products and services are used globally in a wide range of markets and applications, supporting a healthier, more sustainable and more enjoyable way of life. End markets include human and animal nutrition and health, personal care, pharmaceuticals, automotive, coatings and paint, electrical and electronics, life protection and housing. DSM has annual net sales of EUR 9.3 billion and employs some 23,500 people worldwide. The company is headquartered in the Netherlands, with locations on five continents. DSM is listed on Euronext Amsterdam. More information: www.dsm.com.

KhepriCoat[™] is a trademark owned by Royal DSM.

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The Berliner Glas Group is one of the leading European providers of optical key components, assemblies and systems as well as high-quality refined technical glass. With the understanding of optical systems and optical production techniques, Berliner Glas develops and integrates optics, mechanics and electronics into innovative system solutions. These solutions are applied worldwide across the whole spectrum of the light-using industry – from medicine to semiconductors, metrology and analysis to defense or as displays, for example in offices, televisions, monitors or navigation systems and all lighting applications.

The Berliner Glas Group consists of companies which have been developing and producing optical solutions for over 100 years. As an owner-managed medium-sized company with around 950 employees at five locations in Germany, Switzerland, China and US, the company puts high effort into staff, research, development, technology and production.

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Stadium lighting with DSM's high-efficiency KhepriCoat[™] anti-reflective coating system. (Photo: DSM Functional Coatings, PR003)

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