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MWV Specialty Chemicals Selected by Texas Department of Transportation for Preventative Maintenance Paving Project in Austin

First large-scale use of warm-mix asphalt technology in Austin to demonstrate significant reductions in fuel consumption, environmental impact and pavement performance

AUSTIN, TX (June 6, 2008) — The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has selected MWV Specialty Chemicals warm-mix asphalt technology Evotherm™ for a preventative maintenance road construction paving project based on Evotherm's notable environmental and energy demand advantages. [MeadWestvaco Corporation](http://www.mwv.com) (NYSE: MWV) Specialty Chemicals was identified for the first large-scale use of its warm-mix asphalt paving technology in the Austin area for the significant reductions in emissions and energy usage offered by its innovative Evotherm chemistries.

"Compared to conventional hot-mix, Evotherm decreases the heat needed to produce and apply asphalt mixes, which can reduce the amount of fossil fuel needed by up to one-half," says Jonathan MacIver, business development manager, Asphalt Innovations, MWV Specialty Chemicals. "At production temperatures nearly 100 cooler than typical applications, warm-mix asphalt technology is a viable option for the construction of long-lasting asphalt pavements in environmentally-attuned regions."

"Advances in specialty chemicals and paving technology have allowed us to expand our roadways, while at the same time being a good steward to the environment," says Robert Daigh, P.E., Austin District Engineer, TxDOT.

Evotherm has consistently demonstrated major reductions in emissions compared to hot-mix asphalt, including nearly 50 percent decrease in carbon dioxide greenhouse gases; nearly 60 percent reduction in nitrogen oxides that lead to photochemical smog; and more than 80 percent decrease in acid rain causing sulfur dioxide. "This asphalt saves energy, lowers emissions, lasts longer and is safer for the workers who apply it," says Joe Jackson, owner of Asphalt Paving Co. of Austin. "It's a no-brainer for an environmentally-conscious community like ours."

Teaming with Ergon Asphalt and Emulsions, Industrial Asphalt Inc. and Asphalt Paving Company of Austin, the 11,000 ton paving project began mid-May and will continue through mid-June on east-bound State Highway 71 and will extend nearly three miles.

Myles McKemie, vice president of marketing for Ergon Asphalt and Emulsions says, "We're excited to bring this innovative technology to the Austin area. With other large projects in San Antonio and Ft. Worth, Texas is leading the nation in the development and use of warm-mix asphalt."

About Ergon Asphalt and Emulsions

Ergon, Inc. is privately held, and operates under six primary business segments: Refining & Marketing, Asphalt & Emulsions, Transportation & Terminaling, Oil and Gas, Embedded Computing and Real Estate. Ergon owns and operates three petroleum refineries located in Mississippi, Arkansas and West Virginia, producing gasoline, low sulfur diesel, lubricant and process base oils, asphalts and other specialty products. For more information, please visit www.ergonasphalt.com.

About The Texas Department of Transportation

The Texas Department of Transportation is responsible for maintaining nearly 80,000 miles of road and for supporting aviation, rail and public transportation across the state. TxDOT and its 15,000 employees strive to empower local leaders to solve local transportation problems, and to use new financial tools, including tolling and public-private partnerships, to reduce congestion and pave the way for future economic growth while enhancing safety, improving air quality and increasing the value of the state's transportation assets. Find out more at www.txdot.gov.

About MWV

MeadWestvaco Corporation (NYSE: MWV), provides packaging solutions to many of the world's most-admired brands in the healthcare, personal and beauty care, food, beverage, media and entertainment, and home and garden industries. The company's businesses include Consumer & Office Products, Specialty Chemicals, and the Community Development and Land Management Group, which sustainably manages the company's land holdings to support its operations, and to provide for conservation, recreation and development opportunities. With 24,000 employees worldwide, MWV operates in 30 countries and serves customers in more than 100 nations. MWV manages all of its forestlands in accordance with internationally recognized forest certification standards, and has been named to the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index for the fourth consecutive year. For more information, please visit www.mwv.com.

If you would like more information about the SH 71 paving project, please contact Marcus Cooper, TxDOT Public Information Officer, at (512) 832-7060 or via email at mcoope1@dot.state.tx.us.

For more information about Evotherm, please visit www.evotherm.com.

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