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NEWS RELEASE

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**Hexion Specialty Chemicals To Purchase  
Coatings & Adhesives Business From The Rhodia Group**

COLUMBUS, Ohio – (November 4, 2005) – Hexion Specialty Chemicals, Inc., the world’s leading producer of thermoset resins for industrial uses, announced today that it has signed a definitive agreement to purchase the decorative coatings and adhesives business unit of the Rhodia Group.

Terms of the agreement were not disclosed. Closing will occur upon successful completion of normal governmental reviews.

The Rhodia business had 2004 sales of approximately €150 million, with about two-thirds in Europe and the rest in other global regions. The business produces emulsion and powder latexes, which are used in decorative paints and construction mortars; pressure sensitive adhesives and anti-foam agents, used in the converter labeling market and other applications; and acrylic resins used in specialty roof tile coatings and coating latexes in the Asian and Australian markets.

The business includes 8 production facilities and employs approximately 440 people. It will become part of Hexion’s Coatings & Inks Division, a global leader in thermoset resins and materials serving diverse markets including coatings, inks and composites. The manufacturing facilities that will be acquired are located in Ribécourt and Bolbec, France; Leuna, Germany; Asua, Spain; Paulinia, Brazil; Clayton, The United Kingdom; Boxhill, Australia; and, Samutsakorn, Thailand.

“We are very excited about the complementary fit of these products with our existing product lines, in particular in the waterborne technologies area. We also look forward to welcoming the associates of this business to the Hexion team, once the transaction is complete,” said Jeff Nodland, president of Hexion’s Coatings & Inks Division.

## **About Hexion Specialty Chemicals, Inc.**

Based in Columbus, Ohio, Hexion Specialty Chemicals is the global leader in thermoset resins. With 86 manufacturing and distribution facilities in 18 countries, Hexion serves the global wood and industrial markets through a broad range of thermoset technologies, specialty products and technical support for customers in a diverse range of applications and industries. Additional information is available at [www.hexionchem.com](http://www.hexionchem.com).

## **Safe Harbor Language**

Statements contained in this press release may include "forward-looking statements" about the Company's financial results under the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21B of the Securities Act of 1934, as amended. Forward-looking statements are based on our currently available financial, economic and competitive data and on business plans. Actual results could vary materially depending on risks and uncertainties that may affect the company's operations, markets, services, prices and other factors as discussed in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, economic, competitive, legal, governmental and technological factors. There is no assurance that the company's expectations will be realized. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or review any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise, except as otherwise required by law.

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