

Momentive Specialty Chemicals Inc. Aligns Community Relations With Company's Sustainability Promise Before Building

(COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 6, 2013) – Before the first shovel touched the ground, Momentive Specialty Chemicals Inc. (“MSC” or the “Company”) met with Brazilian community members and officials in the city of Montenegro to understand their expectations of a new manufacturing facility the Company was planning to build. After receiving feedback from the community, MSC initiated several environmental projects including an environmental education program called Ecomeçar that has reached 5,000 school-age children.

“Our approach in Montenegro was unique when compared to how other companies begin operations,” said Karen Koster, executive vice president, Environmental Health and Safety for MSC. “By working with members of the community and local officials we were better able to plan not only for environmental sustainability, but also for sustainability in our workforce.”

Part of MSC’s Forest Products Division, the Montenegro facility was constructed in 2010, and the Ecomeçar program was established during construction. The partnership has flourished and now encompasses 25 schools in the area. The program provides educational material that promotes home safety, recycling and healthy living. It has been phased in over the years, and its latest phase revolves around recognizing schools that have successfully developed projects that show a positive influence in environmental health and safety.

“This program is not only about working with the community, but it is a way to ensure we are part of the community. We can clearly observe the positive impact in the children and teachers. Our associates are proud of being part of an organization that takes sustainability seriously,” said Sergio Vanalli, senior environmental health and safety manager, Latin America.

MSC recently presented 10 schools in Montenegro with awards for environmental initiatives. The awards recognized the schools’ efforts within the Ecomeçar program. The program aligns with MSC’s sustainability program and recognized the schools for programs they implemented in a partnership with MSC’s Montenegro manufacturing facility.

Representatives from MSC presented the awards to recognize the environmental projects implemented within the program. The awards were split into two categories: (A) projects older than 12 months and (B) projects newer than 12 months. The top place winner in category A was the Nicholas Müller School for its school garden and knowledge bank project that preserves the knowledge around using natural herbs. In category B, the first place award went to the Jenifer Daniel Cruz School for a project that strengthened the environmental knowledge between the school and community.

For the past four years, MSC has been working with 25 schools in the Montenegro area. The efforts from the Company associates are providing students and teachers with knowledge and tools to support educational programs linked to the environment and sustainability.

About the Company

Based in Columbus, Ohio, Momentive Specialty Chemicals Inc. (formerly known as Hexion Specialty Chemicals, Inc.) is the global leader in thermoset resins. Momentive Specialty Chemicals Inc. 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. Momentive Specialty Chemicals Inc. is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Momentive Performance Materials Holdings LLC.

About Momentive

Momentive Performance Materials Holdings LLC ("Momentive") is the ultimate parent company of Momentive Performance Materials Inc. and Momentive Specialty Chemicals Inc. Momentive is a global leader in specialty chemicals and materials, with a broad range of advanced specialty products that help industrial and consumer companies support and improve everyday life. Its technology portfolio delivers tailored solutions to meet the diverse needs of its customers around the world. Momentive was formed in October 2010 through the combination of entities that indirectly owned Momentive Performance Materials Inc. and Hexion Specialty Chemicals, Inc. The capital structures and legal entity structures of both Momentive Performance Materials Inc. and Momentive Specialty Chemicals Inc. (formerly known as Hexion Specialty Chemicals, Inc.), and their respective subsidiaries and direct parent companies, remain separate. Momentive Performance Materials Inc. and Momentive Specialty Chemicals Inc. file separate financial and other reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Momentive is controlled by investment funds affiliated with Apollo Global Management, LLC. Additional information about Momentive and its products is available at www.momentive.com.

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Caption for photo:
*Students participating in the Ecomeçar program
learn gardening as part of the healthy living program.*

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