

## **PERGAN GmbH COMPLETES PURCHASE OF CHEMTURA'S ORGANIC PEROXIDES BUSINESS**

### **Marshall facility strengthens PERGAN's market position**

MARSHALL, TX. – (August 24, 2007) – PERGAN GmbH has completed the acquisition of Chemtura Corporation's organic peroxide business, saying it intends to grow the business to become a major supplier throughout North and South America. Included in the transaction is Chemtura's Marshall, Texas organic peroxide manufacturing facility.

PERGAN is a world-class supplier of organic peroxides and other polymer additives to the polymer production and processing industries. PERGAN currently operates organic peroxide facilities in Germany and China. Organic peroxide is used in the production of resins, plastics, fiberglass, silicones and polyester, among other products.

Terms of the transaction were not disclosed. Todd Lazenby, managing partner of W.P. Capital Partners, L.P., a division of Whitley Penn of Fort Worth and Dallas, **and his team** represented PERGAN and served as its financial advisor.

"The transaction represents a win-win for both parties, as Chemtura is exiting the organic peroxide business and Pergan's goal is to become the number two player in the world. This strategic move places them one-step closer. In addition to identifying the opportunity, we assisted PERGAN in securing acquisition financing and working capital to help them achieve their growth objectives," Mr. Lazenby said, "**Both Pergan's German banks and Capital One Bank worked diligently under pressure to meet our needs.**"

Dr. Petra Schlusner, chief executive officer of PERGAN, said: "The addition of the Marshall facility complements our world-class facilities in Europe and China and provides us with a very strong strategic position in the Americas. Our intention is to utilize this platform to serve our existing US customers more effectively while pursuing an aggressive growth strategy throughout North and South America."

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The Marshall-based operation has annual revenue of approximately \$20 million a year and employs about 40 people. According to Mr. Lazenby “Pergan plans to ramp-up production to a level where potentially 200 people will be operating in Marshall ***sometime in the future***. The plant personnel are currently represented by the Teamsters Union, which has been recognized as the bargaining agent and is working with Pergan to make the plant a best-in-class facility.”

Dr. Schlusner said, “We believe the facility offers an excellent opportunity for expansion through manufacturing enhancements and a dedicated sales and service team. The business has a well-trained and dedicated workforce, and ***the combination of our two customer bases, spanning a range of industries, gives us an excellent foundation from which to grow.***”

Specializing in customized organic peroxide formulations, PERGAN offers one of the broadest ranges of products in the world. The company has three manufacturing plants across Europe and in China and markets its products from its headquarters located in Bocholt, Germany, through its joint venture company PERGAN Fine Chemicals in Tianjin, China, and through more than 30 representatives worldwide.

W.P. Capital Partners, L.P. is a leading Texas-based merchant banking and investment banking firm that focuses on middle market transactions between \$10 and \$250 million. W.P. Capital typically represents unique, niche-oriented companies that enjoy market leadership positions across a wide spectrum of industries. The firm specializes in mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, and financial consulting.

Over the past four years, W.P. Capital has consummated in excess of \$350 million in transactions, including acquisitions, divestitures, and private placements.

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