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SYRGIS PERFORMANCE PRODUCTS ANNOUNCES NEW CAPACITY FOR CUSTOM SYNTHESIS AND CONTRACT MANUFACTURING

Lycus Ltd. Offers Wide Range of Chemical Reactions and Handling Capabilities

NEW ORLEANS – INFORMEXUSA 2008 (Jan. 30, 2008) – To address companies' increased needs to outsource smaller, specialty chemical manufacturing projects in North America and throughout the world, Lycus Ltd., a Syrgis Performance Products subsidiary, has increased its capacity for custom synthesis and contract services to fill this industry marketplace need.

"The current market landscape presents a superb niche opportunity for Lycus to serve as a domestic outsourced agent for the manufacture of specialty chemicals," said Syrgis Performance Products CEO Andy Harris. "The Lycus facilities, located in South Arkansas, offer a centralized location to major thoroughfares, providing excellent logistics for any chemical company interested in this type of capability."

Lycus offers a unique range of manufacturing capabilities. For hazardous chemistries, the facility provides fine chemical synthesis using materials such as phosgene, boron trifluoride, bromine, and chlorosulfonic acid. Lycus additionally provides a wide array of chemical reactions to meet companies' requirements for custom synthesis, including:

- Bromination
- Chlorination
- Condensation
- Friedel-Crafts
- Hydrogenation (low pressure)
- Methylation
- Phosgenation
- Sulfonation

"Our strong reputation not only as a chemical wholesaler, but also as a contract manufacturer has allowed us to serve the world's leading chemical companies by providing the highest quality products, value-added with superior technical service and support," said Jimmy Wooten, product manager, Lycus. "We are keenly qualified and have the capacity to provide this niche service."

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The facility offers more than 30,000 gallons of capacity for solvent storage, exotic alloy reactors for specialized reactions, and solid handling capabilities for powdered products.

Lycus, headquartered in El Dorado, Ark., also manufactures ultraviolet light stabilizers and inhibitors for use in plastics, coatings, adhesives, cosmetics and other personal care products. These powdered additives preserve and enhance a final product's color or fragrance that can diminish with continued exposure to UV radiation. The company's key products include the MAXGARD line of inhibitors.

About Syrgis Performance Products

Syrgis Performance Products is an international diversified group of fine and specialty chemical manufacturers. Headquartered in Covington, Ky., Syrgis is a suite of companies that includes Lycus, Ltd., H&S Chemical Co., Inc., and P Chem, Inc. as well as newly acquired Syrgis Performance Initiators, Inc. — all worldwide leaders in their respective niche markets today. Syrgis companies deliver high-quality products that meet the exacting standards of leading chemical solution providers in the agriculture, composites, cosmetic, electronics, fish and wildlife, mining, oil and gas, paints and coatings, pharmaceutical, plastics, semiconductor, and renewable energy industries. With strong backing from Cleveland Ohio-based Edgewater Capital Partners, Syrgis is dedicated to delivering the high-performance products its customers need, supported by exceptional customer service and technical application expertise. To learn more, please visit <http://www.syrgis.com>.

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