



Taminco names Kurt Buyse Director of Performance Products

(Ghent, Belgium – March 1, 2011) Taminco has selected Kurt Buyse to lead the company's global Performance Products Business Unit. As Director, Buyse will lead a team dedicated to the development of new and innovative products that allow Taminco customers to maintain a competitive advantage in their markets.

Buyse joined Taminco in 2008, working to support new business development in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. Prior to joining Taminco, he spent 11 years in the coatings industry, first as a research scientist at AkzoNobel in Brussels and later as Research and Development manager for Oxyplast in Ghent.

Buyse holds a PhD in Polymer Chemistry from the University of Louvain.

Taminco's Performance Products business unit provides innovative technologies and know-how to several key markets including inks & coatings, metalworking fluids, functional fluids and polymer additives.

Taminco provides several neutralizing amine additives for the paints and coatings markets with enhanced performance properties, enabling coatings formulators to develop products with outstanding performance. The company's product line includes [Advantex®](#) amine additive, which provides enhanced pigment dispersion properties, and [Vantex®-T](#), a zero-VOC – odor-free amine technology.

Taminco's [Synergex®](#) product line includes four unique products designed to meet the specific demands of the metalworking fluid market, providing extended fluid life, enhanced lubricity and low toxicity.

About Taminco:

Taminco, The Amine Company, is the world's only global integrated specialist alkylamine producer. Taminco produces alkylamines and their derivatives which are key elements in a broad array of chemical products that have a wide range of applications in, amongst others, crop protection, water treatment, surfactants, animal feed additives and pharma applications. From its headquarters in Ghent, Belgium, Taminco operates 7 manufacturing facilities located in Belgium, Germany, the United States, Brazil and China and 18 sales offices globally, with approximately 800 employees in 16 countries.

Taminco is organized into two divisions – Functional Chemicals and Agro Sciences – which reflect the end-user segments to which the company markets and sells its products. Functional Chemicals produces specialty chemical intermediates that are used in the manufacture of specialty products and active ingredients – properties that are integral to the functions those products serve. Agro Sciences cares about plant and animal health, providing various solutions to serve the Crop Protection, Herbicide Systems and Feed Additives markets, while focusing strongly on development and innovation.