

U.S. Chemicals and Plastics Joins Matrix System in Automotive Division of Quest Specialty Chemicals

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CHARLESTON, SC, June 19, 2013 – The Quest Specialty Chemicals Family (QSC) announces its completion of the acquisition of U.S. Chemical & Plastics.

U.S. Chemical & Plastics, based in Massillon, OH, is a leader in automotive refinishing products, including a full line of paints and coatings, plastic fillers, putties and other accessories used in the collision repair industry. QSC is positioning the U.S. Chemical product line within its wholly-owned Quest Automotive Products division, joining Matrix System Automotive Finishes. Matrix System offers a complementary line of intermix basecoats and is known for exceptional color-matching capabilities and high performance clearcoat products.

U.S. Chemical (USC) brings several well-known products to the Quest family, including USC branded products, Pro-Spray and SprayMax.

“This acquisition means a great deal to our end users, automotive collision centers and body shops,” says Doug Mattscheck, CEO of QSC. “It positions Quest Automotive Products as a complete source for critical supplies, from substrate to clearcoat. The addition of the U.S. Chemical product family solidifies our position as a world leader in innovative automotive refinishing.”

David Brunori, President of Quest Automotive Products, continues: “We are excited at the opportunities the U.S. Chemical product family brings to our business. The Matrix product line has always been a leader in offering quality finishes, exceptional customer service, and unparalleled color matching. The U.S. Chemical products continue that tradition and create a product range that makes Quest Automotive Products a real value to customers from small shops to large collision centers.”

“I am excited to see what opportunities our international presence can open up for Quest Automotive Products,” says Tom Perry, Vice President Sales & Marketing. “There is virtually unlimited potential to take the combined product line of Matrix, U.S. Chemical and Pro-Spray to the marketplace, and I expect exceptional growth in both domestic and international markets in the next two to three years.”

Quest Automotive Products will operate manufacturing facilities in Walled Lake, MI, Massillon, OH, Canton, OH, and Biggleswade, Bedfordshire (United Kingdom).



David Brunori continues: “Our customers will not experience disruption in services or product delivery as we begin our integration of USC and Matrix System. Our focus as we integrate these organizations will be to give our customers a larger range of products to choose from and offer one-stop shopping. Equally critical is finding new relationships with customers who see the value that the Quest Automotive family of products brings to their shop. From waterborne to solvent intermix systems, from fillers and putties to clearcoats, Quest Automotive is now truly able to offer a complete range of advanced refinishing solutions.”

“Above all else, our management team sincerely cares about the end user, and we are proud to have the opportunity to supply the entire refinishing industry with the products they need and the service they desire,” concludes Brunori.

About Quest Specialty Chemicals (QSC)

QSC is a leading specialty chemical company family engaged in the formulation, manufacturing, and marketing of coatings designed to repair, restore, and preserve the assets of its customers. With operations headquartered in Charleston, SC, and additional manufacturing and warehousing facilities in Walled Lake, MI, Massillon, OH, Canton, OH, Charleston, SC, Phoenix, AZ, Menomonee Falls, WI, and Biggleswade, Bedfordshire (United Kingdom), Quest serves a variety of industries, including the automotive aftermarket, general industrial, and commercial re-roofing markets. QSC is privately held and operates three wholly-owned divisions: Quest Automotive Products, Quest Construction Products, and Quest Industrial Products. For more information on the Quest Specialty Chemicals family, visit www.Quest-SC.com.

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