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IFS Coatings Selects SmartSilver® Antimicrobial for Thermosetting Powder Coatings

Bellefonte, PA —August 17, 2010— NanoHorizons Inc., a leader in the creation of nanoscale performance additives for textile, health care, and industrial applications, will provide its SmartSilver® antimicrobial additives for IFS Coatings' line of antimicrobial powder coatings. IFS Coatings, a subsidiary of CFS Group, is a manufacturer of a broad range of powder coatings for the global market.

"With strong demand for higher performing antimicrobial protection of high touch powder coated surfaces, we need an antimicrobial additive that is suitable for our manufacturing process and has superior exterior durability," says Glynn Mason, President IFS Coatings. "Our antimicrobial powder coatings are designed to be an extra defensive shield against bacteria, molds, and fungi as well as against the odor buildup and discoloration these microbes can cause. IFS powder coatings with SmartSilver antimicrobial performance combine the very latest in cutting edge nanotechnology with the power of silver, one of the oldest, most effective, non-toxic antimicrobials known to man."

IFS and NanoHorizons' scientists collaborated to ensure that IFS Powder Coatings with SmartSilver provide constant, highly durable antimicrobial protection that won't wear off, wash off, or become deactivated, diluted, or neutralized for the expected life of the coating. IFS powder coatings with SmartSilver have demonstrated greater than 3X the QUV performance compared to competitive technologies, making these IFS coatings ideal for exterior applications.

"Silver has been proven safe and effective as a natural antimicrobial over centuries of use," says Chris Haupt, VP Industrial Business Unit, NanoHorizons. "Since SmartSilver has a proven track record for providing durable antimicrobial performance in liquid coating systems, the transition into powder coatings is a next logical step. The high quality, performance, and range of applications of IFS' powders make for a perfect fit with SmartSilver."

SmartSilver™ additives are registered with the EPA for fiber, coating, and polymer applications and approved as free from harmful levels of substances dangerous to humans by the International Oeko-Tex® Association, a recognized international textile standard organization.

For more information about IFS powder coatings visit www.IFScoatings.com.

For more information about NanoHorizons' SmartSilver™ antimicrobial protection, visit www.SmartSilver.com or follow us on Twitter @smartsilverTM.

About IFS Coatings

IFS Coatings is a wholly owned subsidiary of CFS Group. Through its subsidiaries, CFS is a leading supplier of coatings, adhesives, emulsion polymers and refractories. IFS manufactures a complete line of thermosetting powder coatings, which are available in epoxies, hybrids, polyesters, TGIC's, polyurethanes, fluoropolymers and acrylic hybrids. IFS offers over 300 stock colors, including the full RAL color range. Rapid custom color matching is also available. IFS' state of the art facility is capable producing both large (1,000,000 lbs) and small (e.g., 50 lbs) orders quickly and with the highest degree of quality and consistency.

About NanoHorizons Inc.

NanoHorizons Inc. (www.nanohorizons.com) is a leader in the emerging, cutting-edge field of practical nanotechnology for a broad range of consumer, commercial, and industrial applications. The company's nanoscale silver antimicrobial additives are entirely developed and manufactured in the USA and marketed globally to customers in the apparel, health care, and coatings and plastics industries under the SmartSilver™ brand (www.smartsilver.com). SmartSilver uniquely offers highly durable, safe and cost-effective bacterial control in a variety of products, including natural and synthetic fibers and fabrics as well as coatings, foams and polymer applications. SmartSilver additives are EPA registered and Oeko-Tex® approved. NanoHorizons' experienced team of scientists, engineers, and operational managers provide product research, design, development, laboratory testing, manufacture, and customer technical and sales support. The company is privately held and headquartered in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania near The Pennsylvania State University.