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To All Concerned:

AkzoNobel and Whitford to sign on 23 April 2009

AkzoNobel and Whitford have undergone the intensive due diligence process and have now set a date to sign the purchase agreement previously announced and make the handover official.

Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the formal signing will take place at AkzoNobel's headquarters in Amsterdam on 23 April 2009, and the handover will be official on 30 April 2009.

Both AkzoNobel and Whitford have expressed their satisfaction with the negotiations, the due diligence, the good will and the professional manner in which all the details have been handled.

All proceedings have been managed with the customers of both companies in mind so that the process of transfer will be as smooth and as seamless as possible.

For AkzoNobel

Rob Molenaar, Managing Director

For Whitford

David P. Willis, Jr., President