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ACC ANNOUNCES NEW LEADERSHIP
FOR ITS CENTER FOR THE POLYURETHANES INDUSTRY

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Nov. 23, 2010) – The American Chemistry Council (ACC) announced today that Lee Salamone will join the council on December 9, 2010 as senior director of the Center for the Polyurethanes Industry (CPI).

ACC and its plastics division will gain tremendously from the extensive experience Salamone brings in science and regulatory policy development; advocacy and federal legislative affairs; and in building alliances among diverse stakeholder groups. Ms. Salamone will be responsible for day-to-day management of CPI, working closely with the steering and management committees, as well as other trade associations and the customer community to promote the many benefits of polyurethane and the strengths of this industry.

“As opportunities continue to expand worldwide for polyurethane products, Lee’s technical and policy advocacy experience, and proven strategic leadership skills will help position this industry to capitalize on those opportunities.” Steve Russell, vice president of the Plastics Division, said.

“Her strategic guidance in developing new programs, advancing advocacy objectives, and addressing emerging issues will support the customer base while contributing to new market development.”

“I look forward to working with CPI's leadership, members, value chain and all stakeholders to deliver value and sustainable solutions on behalf of this industry,” Salamone said.

Salamone’s new appointment to head CPI marks her return to ACC, having formerly served as a director on the public health and policy team. Salamone also has worked as a public affairs consultant with the Silicones Environmental, Health and Safety Council of North America and most recently as a senior consultant with AcuTech Consulting Group.

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About CPI

The Center for the Polyurethanes Industry of the American Chemistry Council promotes the sustainable growth of the polyurethane industry, by identifying and managing issues that could impact the industry, in cooperation with user groups. Its members are U.S. producers or distributors of chemicals and equipment used to make polyurethane and manufacturers of polyurethane products.
The American Chemistry Council (ACC) represents the leading companies engaged in the business of chemistry. ACC members apply the science of chemistry to make innovative products and services that make people's lives better, healthier and safer. ACC is committed to improved environmental, health and safety performance through Responsible Care®, common sense advocacy designed to address major public policy issues, and health and environmental research and product testing. The business of chemistry is a $674 billion enterprise and a key element of the nation's economy. It is one of the nation’s largest exporters, accounting for ten cents out of every dollar in U.S. exports. Chemistry companies are among the largest investors in research and development. Safety and security have always been primary concerns of ACC members, and they have intensified their efforts, working closely with government agencies to improve security and to defend against any threat to the nation’s critical infrastructure.