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AMERICAN CHEMISTRY COUNCIL EXPANDS, ADDS FOUR NEW CHEMICAL PRODUCTS & SECTOR GROUPS

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Feb. 28, 2011) – The American Chemistry Council’s (ACC) Board of Directors earlier this month approved the establishment of four new chemical product and sector groups to support the needs of the chemical industry and its value chain. These new groups focus on fluoro chemistry, flame retardants, pine chemicals and industrial gases.

The groups will be managed by ACC’s Chemical Products and Technology (CPT) division, which provides comprehensive issue management services including regulatory, legislative and marketplace advocacy; research; legal; and communication services. With these additions, the division currently supports more than fifty-five self-funded groups.

“Our continued growth speaks volumes about the value that ACC is providing to the entire chemical product value chain,” said Rob Simon, vice president of the CPT division. “Ongoing public policies, market pressures and continued attacks on industry science and credibility create an extremely challenging operating environment. ACC’s infrastructure and exceptional advocacy combined with CPT’s technical expertise offers the ability for groups to focus on core issues while leveraging the resources of the overall ACC,” he added.

To strengthen product-specific advocacy and increase industry engagement, ACC’s board last year agreed to allow chemical manufacturers to participate in self-funded product groups without requiring them to join ACC.

“The value proposition is compelling for organizing product specific activities within ACC; in everything from testing programs to more complex, broader issue advocacy and product stewardship activities; from local and state issues to global association management, ACC and its CPT division is positioned to help your business.”

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