



Wood Treatment Technology Enters New Era with Viance *CSI and Rohm and Haas Joint Venture Begins Operation*

Charlotte, N.C., January 4, 2007 – On January 2, 2007, **Viance**, a new leader in wood treatment technology, officially commenced operation. Based in Charlotte, N.C., the new business brings together the wood biocides business of Rohm and Haas and the wood protection chemicals business of Chemical Specialties Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Rockwood Holdings, to provide an extensive range of advanced wood treatment technologies and services to the global wood treatment industry.

“**Viance** offers an exciting pipeline of innovative products,” says Steve Ainscough, President and CEO of **Viance**. “Our customers can expect new, advanced technologies and a broader portfolio of products with proven performance to meet their wood treatment needs. In fact, later this year we expect to introduce the next generation of preservatives, that will lead our industry into the future.

In addition to an exciting pipeline of new products, **Viance** offers a portfolio of well-known products such as Preserve, Preserve Plus, D-Blaze, Ultrawood, Designwood, , SupaTimber, and TimberSaver.

“**Viance** combines the strengths of two wood treatment leaders to create a new technology driven company that will bring the next generation of preservation technologies to the wood industry, enabling our customers to deliver wood products that provide long-lasting protection and improved long-term appearance. This will ensure that Viance and our customers are well positioned for future growth and profitability. ,” explains Ainscough.

Viance is a joint venture between Rohm and Haas Company and Chemical Specialties, Inc. For more information about wood treatment technology and **Viance** products, visit www.treatedwood.com.

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About Viance

Viance provides an extensive range of advanced wood treatment technologies and services to the global wood treatment industry. With an expertise in wood biocides and wood protection chemicals, Viance provides high-level product support to its customers to provide innovative, advanced solutions that improve the performance and durability of wood and wood products. **Viance** is an equally owned joint venture between Rohm and Haas Company and Chemical Specialties, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Rockwood Holdings. For more information about wood treatment technology and **Viance** products, visit www.treatedwood.com.

About Rockwood

Rockwood Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: ROC) is a leading global specialty chemicals and advanced materials company. Rockwood has a worldwide employee base of approximately 10,800 people and net sales of \$3.1 billion in 2005. The company focuses on global niche segments of the specialty chemicals and advanced materials markets, including specialty chemicals, performance additives, titanium dioxide pigments, advanced ceramics, custom synthesis, specialty compounds and electronics. For more information on Rockwood, please visit www.rocksp.com.

About Rohm and Haas Company

Leading the way since 1909, Rohm and Haas is a global pioneer in the creation and development of innovative technologies and solutions for the specialty materials industry. The company's technologies are found in a wide range of markets including: Building and Construction, Electronics, Food and Retail, Household and Personal Care, Industrial Process, Packaging, Paper, Transportation and Water. Rohm and Haas' innovative technologies and solutions help to improve life everyday, around the world. Based in Philadelphia, PA, the company generated annual sales of approximately \$8 billion in 2005. Visit www.rohmhaas.com for more information. imagine the possibilities™

Rohm and Haas and Microbial Control

Rohm and Haas is a global leader in microbial control solutions used for a variety of processes, substrates and products, including paints and coatings, building and construction materials, plastics, water treatment, metalworking fluids, and mineral processing as well as preservatives for household and personal care applications. For more than 30 years, Rohm and Haas has applied its extensive technical know-how to solve microbial challenges around the world. Rohm and Haas' broad portfolio of products offers innovative, practical and environmentally-sound solutions for today's needs and the future.

Forward Looking Statements

Rockwood Holdings, Inc.

The information set forth in this press release contains certain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 concerning the business, operations and financial condition of Rockwood Holdings, Inc., its subsidiaries and affiliates ("Rockwood"). Words such as "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "expects," "forecasts," "predicts" and variations of such words or expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Although Rockwood believes the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are based upon reasonable assumptions, there can be no assurance that its expectations will be realized. "Forward-looking statements" consist of all non-historical information, including the statements referring to the prospects and future performance of Rockwood. Actual results could differ materially from those projected in Rockwood's forward-looking statements due to numerous known and unknown risks and uncertainties, including, among other things, the "Risk Factors" described in Rockwood's securities filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its Annual Report on Form 10-K. Rockwood does not undertake any obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which any such statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

Rohm and Haas Company

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