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CONNELL BROTHERS SIGNS EXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT WITH STRUKTOL COMPANY OF AMERICA

TOKYO –May 30, 2013 – Connell Brothers, the largest marketer and distributor of specialty chemicals and industrial ingredients in Asia-Pacific, announced today that it has signed an exclusive distribution agreement with Struktol Company of America, a leading global supplier of polymer additives, to market and distribute plastic additives which will be made available in the Japanese market.

“We’re thrilled to begin our partnership with Struktol,” said Alex Grantz, business development manager for Connell Brothers. “These additives are a great addition to our current plastics portfolio and we believe that our WPC customers will make good use of Struktol’s very efficient additives.”

Struktol polymer additives are used in a variety of thermoplastic resins, compounds and masterbatches. They provide improved processability, dispersion of fillers and release properties. In addition, Struktol additives can provide functional improvements in compounds such as scratch and mar resistance, odor and volatile control and better mechanical properties.

“Working with Connell Brothers provides us with unique access to the Japanese plastics industry. Their existing principals and products complement our product line. They are already selling to the customers that we want to sell to and that makes for easy integration. We are extremely excited to work with their team,” said Mike Fulmer, product manager, plastic additives at Struktol.

For further information on the availability of Struktol’s ingredients in Japan, please
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About Connell Brothers

Connell Brothers is a division of Wilbur-Ellis Company and is the largest marketer and distributor of specialty chemicals and industrial ingredients in Asia-Pacific. With over 100 years in Asia and a keen focus on technical service, customer support and quality control, Connell Brothers provides complete supply chain management from transportation, documentation, warehousing, and sales and distribution in 17 countries and in 37 offices located throughout Asia-Pacific.

For more information, please visit www.wilburellis.com

About Struktol Company of America

Struktol Company of America, headquartered in Stow, Ohio, is a leading manufacturer of process additives for the plastics and rubber industries. The privately-held company provides Intelligent Additive Solutions for a variety of polymer-based products and compounds for the consumer, industrial, packaging, and automotive industries. The company's technical specialists, R&D chemists, and compound laboratory are dedicated to creating innovative solutions to meet the exacting demands of an ever-changing polymer industry. Struktol's R&D center, technical service center, and manufacturing plant are located in Stow, Ohio. The company's additive solutions keep customers ahead of the competition with increased productivity, better quality parts, and lower overall cost.

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