



AMPAC Fine Chemicals Receives the California Pollution Prevention Challenge Award Two Consecutive Years

LAS VEGAS, March 2 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- American Pacific Corporation (Nasdaq: APFC) is pleased to announce that its wholly-owned subsidiary AMPAC Fine Chemicals LLC (AFC) received the California Pollution Prevention Challenge Award from the Department of Toxic Substances Control of California (DTSC) and the Chemical Industry Council of California (CICC). The award recognizes the overall pollution prevention achievements of AFC's STRIDE (Sustainability Through Renewable Innovative Design and Engineering) team and the implementation of an ethyl acetate recycling project.

Dr. Aslam Malik, President of AFC, said, "We are excited to receive this award for the second time in two years. This shows our dedication and commitment to implementing the principles of green chemistry and engineering."

The DTSC/CICC Pollution Prevention Challenge and Recognition project challenges chemical facilities in California to reduce the generation of waste, and promotes the Triple Bottom Line:

- Good for the environment
- Good for workers, their families, and surrounding communities
- Good for business profitability and competitiveness

The project creates a partnership where trust is built between regulators and the regulated community.

Jill Reed, AFC Environmental Manager, said, "The STRIDE team was formed to look at all potential means to improve our processes. The team is composed of members of every function at AFC. Since its inception in 2007, the STRIDE team projects have reduced hazardous waste generation by approximately 2.2 million pounds and in 2008 the hazardous waste reduction reached close to 2.8 million pounds."

"This is only possible because of the close collaboration between the industry and the agencies such as DTSC," said Martha Murray, AFC's Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) Director. "This constant dialogue and interaction, results in practical regulations that are based on scientific judgment. This overall favors the 'Triple Bottom Line.'"

Dr. Malik adds, "Through the use of technology to make our processes more efficient, and by constantly trying to improve our existing processes, we help to maintain jobs here in California, and achieve better protection of the environment."

ABOUT AMPAC FINE CHEMICALS LLC

AFC is a U.S. based company with demonstrated capabilities in process development, scale-up, and cGMP-compliant commercial production of active pharmaceutical ingredients (API's) and registered intermediates for pharmaceutical and biotechnology customers. Its specially engineered facilities and experienced staff allow AFC to safely produce highly energetic compounds at commercial scale. In addition, AFC's other technology platforms include production of highly potent compounds, continuous processes and industrial-scale chromatographic separation using simulated moving bed chromatography (SMB).

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American Pacific Corporation (AMPAC) is a leading custom manufacturer of fine chemicals, specialty chemicals and propulsion products within its focused markets. We supply active pharmaceutical ingredients and advanced intermediates to the pharmaceutical industry. For the aerospace and defense industry we provide specialty chemicals used in solid rocket motors for space launch and military missiles. AMPAC also designs and manufactures liquid propulsion systems, valves and structures for space and missile defense applications. We

produce clean agent chemicals for the fire protection industry, as well as electro-chemical equipment for the water treatment industry. Our products are designed to meet customer specifications and often must meet certain governmental and regulatory approvals. Additional information about us can be obtained by visiting our web site at www.apfc.com.

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