



## AMPAC Fine Chemicals Adds New Capabilities for Clinical Programs

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AMPAC Fine Chemicals LLC (AFC), a wholly owned subsidiary of American Pacific Corporation (Nasdaq: APFC), announced it has completed substantial plant capital improvements by adding a second semi-works facility. These capital improvements are part of several capital improvements in progress at AFC's operations in Rancho Cordova through FY 2011. This semi-works facility became fully operational in January 2011 and is being used to support continued growth in AFC's development pipeline.

This facility offers a state of the art, remotely operable facility that is designed to safely run hydrogenations, hazardous chemistry and potent compound processes, core technologies for AFC. Equipment consists of four reactors (from 300-750 gal) and one 2.0 m<sup>2</sup> Hastelloy filter-dryer. AFC completed its first semi-works facility at its Rancho Cordova location in 2008. Robust customer demand has resulted in the construction of this second semi-works unit.

"AFC continues to increase the assets and resources to support a strong pipeline of development projects from a variety of large pharma and biotechnology companies. Our goal is to build upon our core technologies, including energetic chemistry, continuous processing, HPAPIs, and simulated moving bed (SMB) chromatography to grow our business and help our clients. This latest investment further increases our capabilities to serve this vibrant market," stated Bill DuBay, VP of Technology and Business Development.

"AMPAC Fine Chemicals continues to actively invest in our facilities which are all located in the USA. We are pleased that our pipeline of development projects continues to grow and this addition will help us meet our customer requirements," stated Aslam Malik, President of AFC.

"As a leading manufacturer of custom Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients, AFC will increase their ability to provide value to our customers through these additional capital investments," stated Joe Carleone, Chief Executive Officer of AMPAC.

### **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). AFC's operations are located in Rancho Cordova, CA and in La Porte, Texas.

### **ABOUT AMERICAN PACIFIC CORPORATION**

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](http://www.apfc.com).

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