

Ampac Fine Chemicals' President Aslam Malik Joins SOCMA's Board of Governors; Industry Veteran Adds Significant Experience to Board LAS VEGAS, Jan. 10, 2011 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ --

American Pacific Corporation (Nasdaq: APFC) announced today that Aslam Malik, Ph.D., President of its wholly-owned subsidiary Ampac Fine Chemicals LLC, has joined the Board of Governors of the <u>Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates</u> ("SOCMA"), the leading U.S.-based trade association representing the batch, custom and specialty chemical industry. SOCMA supports chemical manufacturers with commercial and networking opportunities, advocates for the passage of rational laws and regulation, and works to increase public confidence in the industry.

Dr. Malik has over 24 years of industrial experience in the scale-up and production of fine chemicals, and has served as the President of Ampac Fine Chemicals since December 2005. He also serves as a member of the advisory board of *Chemical and Engineering News* and a past member of the Scientific Advisory Board of Sacramento State University. He has 21 publications and is an inventor/co-inventor of 56 U.S. and International patents.

"As a SOCMA member, I look forward to assisting the Board in ensuring that the mission, policies and strategic direction of the association are aligned with membership needs," said Aslam Malik.

"We are pleased to welcome Aslam Malik as the newest member of SOCMA's Board of Governors and appreciate the expertise and energy he will bring to this role," said Dr. Larry Brotherton, Chairman of the Board and President and CEO of Ortec, Inc. "I am confident that Aslam will help us successfully lead this organization into the future."

SOCMA's Board of Governors provides strategic direction, maintains fiscal responsibility, and helps industry management develop business plans to deliver member value. Through regular meetings, the Board ensures effective organizational planning and sees that association resources are managed responsibly.

SOCMA is the only U.S.-based trade association dedicated solely to the batch, custom and specialty chemical industry. Since 1921, it has represented a diverse membership of small, medium and large chemical companies, making them the leading authority on this sector. SOCMA has a global membership of more than 200 companies. For more information on SOCMA's services and products, please visit www.socma.com.

ChemStewards(R) is SOCMA's flagship environmental, health, safety and security (EHS&S) continuous performance improvement program. ChemStewards was created to support the industry's commitment to reducing its environmental footprint. As a mandatory requirement for SOCMA members engaged in the manufacturing or handling of chemicals, ChemStewards is helping participants reach for superior EHS&S performance. To learn more visit <u>www.chemstewards.com</u>.

ABOUT AMPAC FINE CHEMICALS LLC

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, or 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, or SMB. AFC's operations are located in Rancho Cordova, California and in La Porte, Texas. Additional information about AFC can be obtained by visiting their web site at <u>www.ampacfinechemicals.com</u>.

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 <u>www.apfc.com</u>.

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