

NEWS RELEASE

RPM SUBSIDIARY ACQUIRES SWISS SEALANTS COMPANY

MEDINA, Ohio – February 9, 2009 – RPM International Inc. (NYSE: RPM) today announced that its subsidiary, Tremco illbruck International GmbH, acquired Karochemie AG, a leading supplier of sealants to the construction markets in Switzerland and Liechtenstein. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed. It is expected to be accretive to earnings within one year.

Karochemie's 2008 annual sales totaled approximately \$13.4 million. The Swiss company is headquartered in Baar and has a sales office in Crissier.

The acquisition is expected to lead to a strengthened market position, benefitting both companies, as well as customers of the expanded group.

“With the acquisition of Karochemie, we have a highly competent partner at our side. In this combination we will be able to expand our presence in these markets,” said Reiner Eisenhut, president and managing director of Tremco illbruck International. “Karochemie has an excellent distribution network and deep expertise in sealant technology that will help us win new customers for Tremco illbruck products. Customers can only benefit from this fusion of scale and expertise.”

About Tremco illbruck

Tremco illbruck is a leading supplier of sealants for windows, facades and insulating glass. Additionally, proven technologies and extensive expertise are offered in the fields of waterproofing, roofing and flooring. Tremco illbruck delivers high-quality products to the European market under brands such as Tremco, illbruck, Perennator and Nullifire. More information is available at www.tremco-illbruck.com.

About RPM

RPM International Inc., a holding company, owns subsidiaries that are world leaders in specialty coatings and sealants serving both industrial and consumer markets. RPM's industrial products include roofing systems, sealants, corrosion control coatings, flooring coatings and specialty chemicals. Industrial brands include Stonhard, Tremco, illbruck, Carboline, Day-Glo, Euco and Dryvit. RPM's consumer products are used by professionals and do-it-yourselfers for home maintenance and improvement, boat repair and maintenance, and by hobbyists. Consumer brands include Zinsser, Rust-Oleum, DAP, Varathane and Testors. Additional details are available at www.rpminc.com.

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