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GM Approves Sikkens Autowave from Akzo Nobel

(September 2006: Norcross, GA) General Motors notified Akzo Nobel this week that the company's waterborne paint technology system, Sikkens Autowave® has received approval for their North American collision repair centers.

Timing for this announcement coincides with heightened attention from governmental agencies throughout North America on the environment. This is particularly true with the rapidly advancing conversion deadlines that are being addressed by collision repair centers today in California.

Driven by the aggressive environmental regulatory controls established for Europe in the early 90's, the Sikkens Autowave system has become a mainstay for premier collision repair centers throughout the continent.

"We are pleased with this endorsement from GM on our Sikkens Autowave waterborne solution," notes Tim Loden, Director of Marketing for Akzo Nobel Car Refinishes of the Americas. Loden continues, "Balancing concerns for the environment with those of our customers is a key motivator for Akzo Nobel. Waterborne technology is a change; however, our California shops who have been early adopters have found both the Sikkens Autowave system and the training assistance we are providing makes conversion virtually seamless."

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Note for the editor

Akzo Nobel is a Global Fortune 500 company and is listed on both the Euronext Amsterdam and NASDAQ stock exchanges. It is also listed on the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes. Based in the Netherlands, we are a multicultural organization serving customers throughout the world with human and animal healthcare products, coatings, and chemicals. We employ around 61,500 people and conduct our activities in four segments – human and animal health, coatings and chemicals –subdivided into 13 business units, with operating subsidiaries in more than 80 countries. Consolidated revenues for 2005 totaled EUR 13.0 billion. The financial results for the third quarter will be published on October 19, 2006.

Akzo Nobel Car Refinishes supplies paint, decals, services and software for car repair, commercial vehicle and transportation markets. The main product lines include Sikkens for the high-end segment, Lesonal in the medium segment and U-Tech in the commercial and light vehicles sector.

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