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DuPont Chemical Solutions Enterprise Acquires BELCO®, Giving Refinery Customers A Single Source of Solutions for “Cleaner Air, Cleaner Products”

WILMINGTON, Del. Jan. 9, 2006 – DuPont Chemical Solutions Enterprise announced today it has acquired Belco Technologies Corporation, a leading air quality control company servicing oil refineries around the globe. Financial terms were not disclosed.

“The BELCO acquisition dramatically broadens DuPont’s offering of ‘cleaner products/cleaner air’ programs to the refinery industry,” said DuPont Environmental Solutions Business Director James S. Pawloski. “There is a global demand for healthier air and increasingly sophisticated methods of air pollution control. Combining BELCO’s technology for sulfur and nitric oxide emission reduction with DuPont’s suite of technology for sulfuric acid alkylation, sulfuric acid regeneration and sulfur gas recovery, gives customers a single source of proven solutions for their most difficult sulfur challenges.”

Established in 1968, BELCO has been a member of the international NEPTUNE TECHNOLOGIES group since 1989. The company is a world leader in the design and delivery of gas cleaning systems used to eliminate particulate and toxic component emissions by the refining industry.

BELCO will be integrated into DuPont Environmental Solutions, a part of DuPont Chemical Solutions Enterprise, and its headquarters will remain in Parsippany, N.J.

“Air quality is now more than ever a universal aspiration,” said NEPTUNE TECHNOLOGIES Chairman & CEO Gilles L. Vicard. “BELCO has been working side by side with its clients to preserve air quality throughout the world. Integration into DuPont will enable BELCO to expand on the strong growth generated over the past years by offering new comprehensive solutions to refiners worldwide.”

DuPont is a science company. Founded in 1802, DuPont puts science to work by creating sustainable solutions essential to a better, safer, healthier life for people everywhere. Operating in more than 70 countries, DuPont offers a wide range of innovative products and services for markets including agriculture, nutrition, electronics, communications, safety and protection, home and construction, transportation and apparel.

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