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# Press Release

## **Struktol and Equistar Announce Commercial Agreement for Wood-Plastic Composites Market**

*Companies reach agreement to enable joint sales and marketing of lubricants and chemical coupling agents*

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**October 17, 2005 - Stow, Ohio:** Struktol Company of America and Equistar Chemicals, LP, a Lyondell company, have announced a sales and marketing agreement for the wood-plastic composites (WPC) compounding industry. Based on the agreement, Struktol becomes the exclusive sales channel in the United States and Canada for Equistar Integrate™ coupling agent products into the WPC market. The companies will also work together on new product development activities for the WPC market based on Struktol's TPW Series lubricant technology and Equistar's coupling agent technology.

Mike Fulmer, Product Manager, - Plastic Additives, Struktol, notes that the agreement between Struktol and Equistar will "provide our customers with the highest level of technical know-how and some of the most sophisticated lubricant and coupling agent additive technology available."

In the past, Struktol has worked with the Equistar Integrate marketing and technical team to service an ever-demanding WPC market. Struktol will now use its existing technical sales force to market and sell the Integrate products into the WPC market. Equistar will continue to accept orders and provide technical service support to the industry.

"By working closely with Struktol, we can provide WPC customers with a continued supply of superior products and innovative solutions that they would be unable to get from any other company," says James Krohn, marketing manager, Lyondell Chemical Company.

For product information, please visit [www.equistar.com](http://www.equistar.com) or [www.struktol.com](http://www.struktol.com).

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*Struktol Company of America, headquartered in Stow, Ohio, continues to take an active role in developing unique products designed for optimal processing of wood-plastic composite compounds. As the industry leader, Struktol believes that compounders and processors should expect more from its additives supplier and realize more in terms of performance, benefits and value added services with Struktol products. Providing Intelligent Additive Solutions for plastic resins and compounds, Struktol products are designed to meet the challenges and exacting demands of our customers. Our technical specialists, R&D chemists and compound laboratory are dedicated to creating innovative solutions for the ever-changing plastics industry – solutions that keep our customers ahead of the competition with increased productivity, better quality parts and lower overall costs.*

*Lyondell Chemical Company, headquartered in Houston, Texas, is North America's third-largest independent, publicly traded chemical company. Lyondell is a major global manufacturer of basic chemicals and derivatives including ethylene, propylene, titanium dioxide, styrene, polyethylene, propylene oxide and acetyls. It also is a significant producer of gasoline blending components. The company has a 58.75 percent interest in LYONDELL-CITGO Refining LP, a refiner of heavy, high- sulfur crude oil. Lyondell is a global company operating on five continents and employs approximately 10,000 people worldwide. Equistar Chemicals, LP, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Lyondell.*

Integrate is a trademark of Equistar Chemicals, LP, a Lyondell company.