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**SYRGIS PICKS INDUSTRY VETERAN DR. KEVIN GUIGLEY
TO LEAD PEROXIDE INITIATORS R&D**

INFORMEX – SAN FRANCISCO – (Feb. 16, 2010) – Syrgis Inc., an international diversified group of fine and specialty chemical manufacturers, today announced that Kevin Guigley, Ph.D. will assume the role of Manager, Technical Support and R&D for Syrgis Performance Initiators' global business.

“Kevin is an effective leader and innovative problem solver who brings proven technical expertise in new product conception, design, and development to our Initiators business,” said Andy Harris, Syrgis CEO. “Under our newly implemented Syrgis Innovation process, Kevin will leverage his chemical, engineering, and Six Sigma expertise to help us drive process improvements and new product development across all of the Syrgis companies.”

Dr. Guigley has worked for Louisiana Pacific and Owens Corning where he did extensive R&D work supporting various composite applications. He is a certified Six Sigma Black Belt, and has a strong history of driving successful projects to commercialization. Guigley has five patents and four patent applications as well as numerous technical publications. He earned a bachelor's degree in polymer science and holds a doctorate in material science and engineering from The Pennsylvania State University. He also has a master's in chemistry from the University of Illinois.

About Syrgis

Syrgis is an international diversified group of fine and specialty chemical manufacturers. Headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, Syrgis is a suite of companies that includes Syrgis Performance Specialties, Syrgis Performance Chemicals (PChem), and Syrgis Performance Initiators — all worldwide leaders in their respective niche markets. Syrgis companies deliver high-quality products that meet the exacting standards of leading chemical solution providers in the automotive, building materials, composites, cosmetic, mining, oil and gas, paints and coatings, personal care, plastics, renewable energy, transportation and water treatment industries. With strong backing from Cleveland, Ohio-based Edgewater Capital Partners, Syrgis is dedicated to delivering the high-performance products its customers need, supported by exceptional customer service and technical application expertise. To learn more, please visit www.syrgis.com.

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