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DuBois Chemicals acquired by The Riverside Company

SHARONVILLE, Ohio – (September 30, 2008) – DuBois Chemicals was recently acquired by The Riverside Company, a private equity firm with dual headquarters in Cleveland and New York. DuBois had previously been part of JohnsonDiversey of Racine, Wisconsin, a global leader in the provision of cleaning and hygiene solutions. The sale was completed at the end of September.

Riverside is the largest global private equity firm focused on the smaller end of the middle market. The firm specializes in investing in premier companies valued under \$150 million. With nine funds, Riverside has more than \$2 billion in capital under management. Its current portfolio in North America, Europe and Asia comprises 67 companies with annual sales of \$3.2 billion.

“This change of ownership will not impact active employees or service to our customers,” stated DuBois Chemicals President, Jeff Welsh. He further added, “Riverside’s acquisition of DuBois bodes well for our business as they are committed to making the types of strategic investments that will help us reach our goal of becoming the preeminent player in the industrial chemical market. I am very excited about our future.”

“Riverside was drawn to DuBois because of the company’s talented management team, strategic growth opportunities and diversification of customers and end markets,” said Tim Gosline, Riverside Partner. “DuBois has a broad line of products and demands strong margins, which translate into tremendous potential in new markets that are natural extensions of the business.”

Founded in 1920, DuBois Chemicals is a leading specialty chemical and applications provider to the manufacturing industry in North America. The company’s focus is to forge sustainable partnerships with customers that also reduce total cost through the delivery of innovative solutions that are lean, green and clean. DuBois specializes in the areas of metal finishing/paint pretreatment, water/wastewater treatment, maintenance/equipment cleaning, and transportation cleaning. For more information on DuBois Chemicals, please visit www.duboischemicals.com.

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