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**UNITED STATES ANNOUNCES \$26 MILLION BANKRUPTCY
SETTLEMENT WITH CHEMTURA CORPORATION**

PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, ROBERT DREHER, the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Justice Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division ("ENRD"), and CYNTHIA GILES, the Assistant Administrator for the Office of Enforcement and Compliance with the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), announced today that the United States has entered into a settlement agreement with Connecticut chemical manufacturer CHEMTURA CORPORATION requiring CHEMTURA to pay approximately \$26 million for the cleanup of contaminated sites located in 14 different states. The settlement agreement resolves claims asserted against CHEMTURA by the EPA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ("NOAA") under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA") in CHEMTURA's bankruptcy proceedings. The settlement is subject to the approval of U.S. Bankruptcy Judge ROBERT E. GERBER.

Based in Middlebury, Connecticut, CHEMTURA is a global producer of specialty chemicals, polymer products, and crop protection chemicals, and a leading U.S. supplier of pool and spa chemicals. The company operates in more than 40 countries and its predecessors include Crompton & Knowles Corporation, Uniroyal Chemical Corporation, Witco Corporation, and Great Lakes Chemical Corporation. On March 18, 2009, CHEMTURA and 26 of its affiliates filed Chapter 11 petitions in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.

In October 2009, the United States filed proofs of claim against CHEMTURA in the bankruptcy seeking to recover past and future environmental cleanup costs and natural resource damages. The United States also sought civil monetary penalties for violations of the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act.

Under the Settlement Agreement filed today in Manhattan bankruptcy court:

CHEMTURA will pay approximately \$26 million in cash and allowed claims for 17 properties, 12 of which are on EPA's list of the most serious hazardous waste sites requiring cleanup. Of the total amount to be paid under the settlement, the United States will receive approximately \$17 million in allowed general unsecured claims, which are expected to be fully paid in cash. The United States will receive an additional approximately \$9 million in cash to resolve CHEMTURA's outstanding obligations at eight of the 17 sites.

The sites and facilities covered by today's settlement include the following:

- the Beacon Heights Landfill Superfund Site in Connecticut;
- the BioLab Facility in Georgia;
- the Central Chemical Superfund Site in Maryland;
- the Cleve Reber Superfund Site in Louisiana;
- the Cooper Drum Company Superfund Site in California;
- the Delaware Sand and Gravel Superfund Site in Delaware;
- the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site in New Jersey;
- the El Dorado Site in Arkansas;
- the Halby Chemical Superfund Site in Delaware;
- the Interstate Lead Company Superfund Site in Alabama;
- the Jadco Hughes Superfund Site in North Carolina;
- the Landia Chemical Company Superfund Site in Florida;
- the LWD Site in Kentucky;
- the Malone Service Company Superfund Site in Texas;
- the Red Panther Chemical Company Site in Mississippi;
- the Stauffer-LeMoyne Superfund Site in Alabama; and
- the Stoney Creek Technologies Site in Pennsylvania.

The Settlement Agreement further requires CHEMTURA to continue performing cleanup work and other obligations at the Laurel Park, Inc. Superfund Site in Connecticut pursuant to an existing consent decree.

The Settlement Agreement does not resolve CHEMTURA's environmental liabilities arising out of the Gowanus Canal Superfund Site. Those liabilities, which are expressly excluded from the scope of today's settlement, remain the subject of ongoing negotiation.

The Settlement Agreement will be lodged with the Bankruptcy Court for a period of 15 days before its entry to provide public notice and to afford members of the public the opportunity to comment on the settlement.

Manhattan U.S. Attorney PREET BHARARA praised the efforts of the Environment and Natural Resources Division ("ENRD") of the Department of Justice, EPA, and NOAA.

The case is being handled by the Environmental Protection Unit of the Office's Civil Division, working with the Department of Justice's ENRD. Assistant U.S. Attorneys LAWRENCE FOGELMAN, NATALIE KUEHLER, SARAH LIGHT, and BRIAN MORGAN, and ENRD Attorney KEVIN LYSKOWSKI are in charge of the case.

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