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Corporate News Release

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## **Buckingham Capital Partners Acquires ISOICHEM, Inc. from GROUPE SNPE**

### ***Company Reestablished as VanDeMark Chemical Inc.***

Buckingham Capital Partners II, L.P., New York, NY, announces that it has acquired ISOICHEM, Inc. of Lockport, New York, a U.S. subsidiary of GROUPE SNPE, Paris, France. The company is being renamed VanDeMark Chemical Inc., taking the name from the company's founding years. GROUPE SNPE purchased VanDeMark Chemical in November 1999.

With a customer base encompassing North America, Europe and Asia, VanDeMark manufactures phosgene, phosgene derivatives, custom, and proprietary chemicals for the pharmaceutical, agricultural-chemical, polymer, and fine chemical industries. In addition, its proprietary PTSI is used to remove moisture during the manufacture of adhesives, sealants, paints and coatings to enhance the quality and extend the shelf-life of the end products. In 2006, VanDeMark received the Excellence Award from the Synthetic Organic Chemicals Manufacturers Association (SOCMA) and in 2007, the Energy Efficiency Award from the American Chemical Council (ACC).

"We have been pursuing ISOICHEM for nearly a year and are excited about this opportunity," said Albert Nagggar, Managing Partner of Buckingham. "The VanDeMark facility is one of the best of its kind in the world for specialty chemicals, and the staff has a superb record for quality, efficiency and safety."

He added that Buckingham is looking forward to working with the current management team at VanDeMark. "We see excellent growth potential as we concentrate on helping our customers develop solutions to their specialty chemical needs," Nagggar said.

Buckingham Capital Partners II, L.P. makes control equity investments in leveraged buyouts of lower middle market companies based in the United States. Buckingham has now acquired control of eight profitable businesses over the past two years with aggregate sales exceeding \$220 million including most recently Fuller Brands and CPAC Imaging.

According to Michael Kucharski, President and CEO of VanDeMark, the company will have all the assets needed to continue its development toward higher value-added fine chemical products, a move started several years ago with the support of ISOICHEM and GROUPE SNPE.

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“This marks the launching of a new and improved VanDeMark,” Kucharski said, noting that the company has been bolstering its R&D and production capabilities and is ready to leverage these strengths in the marketplace.

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