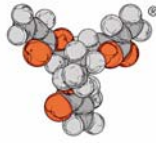


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Sartomer Company Names Luigi Colantuoni President

EXTON, Pa., January 4, 2007 – Global specialty chemicals manufacturer Sartomer Company today named Dr. Luigi Colantuoni as president, replacing Nicholas Trainer, who retired after 37 years with the company.

Colantuoni will report to Hugues Woestelandt, chief executive officer of TOTAL Specialty Chemicals Branch, Sartomer's parent company. He will be responsible for general management of Sartomer, with \$470 million in annual sales, 12 manufacturing sites, and more than 600 employees. He will also be responsible for growing the hydrocarbon resins business in North and South America, with sales of \$130 million in 2006. He will focus on the company's continued global expansion, particularly new investment projects in the Far East, the Americas, and Europe.

From 2000 to 2006, Colantuoni was president of Atotech Japan and vice president of Atotech Far East. Atotech is a specialty chemical division of Total and has more than 1,300 employees, with five manufacturing sites and five application centers throughout the Far East.

Before the last assignment in Far East, he worked 14 years for Atotech and was managing director of Atotech Austria from 1995 to 1999, where he oversaw business development in Austria, Hungary, Croatia, and Slovenia.



He earned a Laurea with “summa cum laude” in chemical engineering from the University of Naples (Italy) in 1979 and an MBA from the European Institute of Business Administration (Fontainebleau, France) in 1985.

Sartomer Company, part of TOTAL's Chemicals branch, is a U.S.-based manufacturer of specialty chemicals. Headquartered in Exton, Pa., Sartomer provides a variety of specialty chemicals designed to enhance processing and performance characteristics in coatings, inks, elastomers, adhesives, sealants, composites, and other demanding applications. The company's product offering includes more than 620 monomers and oligomers, photoinitiators, polybutadiene resins, styrene maleic anhydride resins, hydrocarbon resins, and other specialty chemicals.

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