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Sartomer Company Appoints New Vice President in Asia

Laurent Suspene, former general manager of Sartomer Europe, replaces David Long

EXTON, Pa., June 7, 2007 – Global specialty chemicals manufacturer Sartomer Company named Laurent Suspene vice president of Sartomer Asia effective June 1, 2007. Since 2003, Suspene has been general manager, photocure and functional additives, for the Sartomer Europe Division of Cray Valley, based in Paris.

Suspene replaces David Long, who was assigned new responsibilities within the TOTAL group, Sartomer's parent company. Suspene joined Cray Valley in 1988 as a research scientist. Since then he has worked as a technical director and managing director in multiple locations, including Malaysia, Korea, and Spain. He also worked in the United States as a technical director with Cook Composites and Polymers, Kansas City, Mo. He earned a doctorate in Macromolecular Science in 1988 from INSA (National Institute of Applied Sciences, Lyon, France).

Sartomer also appointed Philippe Thepot as general manager of the Sartomer Europe Division of Cray Valley. He replaces Suspene.

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 600 monomers and oligomers, photoinitiators, polybutadiene resins, styrene maleic anhydride resins, hydrocarbon resins, and other specialty chemicals.

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