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Chemetall Oakite focuses on Latin America

New Providence, New Jersey -- Chemetall Oakite, a leader and innovator in surface treatment chemistries, has established manufacturing, distribution, and sales facilities in strategic locations throughout Latin America. This will ensure that Chemetall Oakite customers throughout the world will benefit from the company's high standards of quality and service.

Chemetall Oakite's presence in Latin America includes: Chemetall Mexicana, a new 38,700 square foot manufacturing and office facility in Queretaro; Chemetall do Brasil, with manufacturing and office facilities in Sao Paulo; and distribution centers in Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Guatemala.

"As part of our mission to provide our customers with the most effective technologies and customer support, Chemetall Oakite has selected specific regions in Latin America in which to operate," explained Ron Felber, President and Chief Executive Officer of Chemetall Oakite. "Locations were chosen because of the areas' quality of life, accessibility, and the educated talent pool. We feel that Chemetall Oakite's presence in Latin America should not only benefit our customers but the communities as well."

Felber continues, "Faster response to customer needs, stimulation of local economies, and increasing the synergy among our employees are all reasons that Chemetall Oakite has been and will continue to be committed to Latin America."

Chemetall Oakite, with headquarters based in New Providence, NJ, has been developing, manufacturing, and supplying state-of-the art specialty chemical products since 1909. The QS9000/ISO 9001 certified company offers a wide spectrum of products and systems to meet the needs of many industries, including aerospace, heavy equipment, appliance, architectural, automotive, coil coating, cold forming, and other surface treatment-related markets. Chemetall Oakite's integrated products, chemical management systems, process equipment, and service programs facilitate the achievement of many industries' processing needs.

Chemetall Oakite is a member of the Chemetall GmbH Group, a renowned international corporation. Chemetall is a world-class specialty chemical company, with subsidiaries throughout the world.

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