

HEXION COMMENTS ON NEW YORK SUPREME COURT RULING

COLUMBUS, Ohio – (October 31, 2008) – Hexion Specialty Chemicals, Inc. announced today developments in its action in the Supreme Court of the State of New York against affiliates of Credit Suisse and Deutsche Bank (New York County Index No. 114552/08) for alleged breaches of their obligations under the financing commitment letter to fund the closing of the Hexion-Huntsman merger. The court today denied Hexion's motion for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction extending the expiration of the financing commitment letter pending the trial of Hexion's claims.

The court's decision today resolved a procedural question raised by Hexion to further protect its ability to secure effective relief against the banks if it prevails at a trial on the merits. Hexion requested and obtained from the court a case management conference, scheduled for this Monday, November 3, to consider next steps toward a trial on the merits of Hexion's claims for relief against the banks, including Hexion's request for specific performance of the banks' financing obligations.

About Hexion Specialty Chemicals

Based in Columbus, Ohio, Hexion Specialty Chemicals serves the global wood and industrial markets through a broad range of thermoset technologies, specialty products and technical support for customers in a diverse range of applications and industries. Hexion Specialty Chemicals is controlled by an affiliate of Apollo Management, L.P. Additional information is available at www.hexion.com.

Forward Looking Statements

Certain statements in this press release are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. In addition, the management of Hexion Specialty Chemicals, Inc. (which may be referred to as “Hexion,” “we,” “us,” “our” or the “Company”) may from time to time make oral forward-looking statements. Forward looking statements may be identified by the words “believe,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “project,” “plan,” “estimate,” “will” or “intend” or similar expressions. Forward-looking statements reflect our current views about future events and are based on currently available financial, economic and competitive data and on our current business plans. Actual results could vary materially depending on risks and uncertainties that may affect our markets, services, prices and other factors as discussed in our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K, and our other filings, with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to: our pending merger with Huntsman Corporation, including the related pending litigation; economic factors such as an interruption in the supply of or increased pricing of raw materials due to natural disasters; competitive factors such as pricing actions by our competitors that could affect our operating margins; and regulatory factors such as changes in governmental regulations involving our products that lead to environmental and legal

matters as described in our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K, and our other filings, with the SEC.

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