

RPM's Carboline Company Acquires Nu-Chem Fireproofing Assets

MEDINA, Ohio – Nov 20 2006 – RPM International Inc. (NYSE: RPM) announced today that its wholly owned subsidiary, Carboline Company, has acquired certain assets of Nu-Chem, an international provider of Fireproofing products for the protection of structural steel.

Nu-Chem, based in St. Louis MO specializes in thin film intumescent fireproofing products for the protection of exposed architectural steel and heavy duty epoxy intumescant for the Petrochemical and Offshore Oil markets.

Carboline Company, a world leader in high performance coatings and lining systems, provides a comprehensive line of products for the protection and beatification of steel and concrete substrates from both corrosion and fire damage. Carboline's products are widely used in the Commercial Architectural, Bridge and Highway, Petrochemical, Offshore Drilling, Marine, Pipeline and Terminal, Water and Wastewater treatment, OEM, Rail, Pulp and Paper and other markets where long term asset protection is a high priority. Carboline Company serves these markets with an international sales force working directly with Facility Owners, Engineers, Architects, Manufactures, and Specialty Applicators.

With the acquisition of Nu-Chem's product line, Carboline will have competitive advantage in both the commercial and industrial segments of the fireproofing market which is consistent with Carboline's product development strategy.

"We are excited about the technology opportunity the Nu-Chem product line offers us. Carboline now has all the technology to be the leading supplier of Fireproofing products for both the architectural and industrial markets – intumescent and cementitious – on a global basis," states Richard M. Wilson, President, Carboline Company.

RPM International Inc., a holding company, owns subsidiaries that are world leaders in specialty coatings and sealants serving both industrial and consumer markets. RPM's industrial products include roofing systems, sealants, corrosion control coatings, flooring coatings and specialty chemicals. Industrial brands include Carboline, Tremco, Stonhard, Day-Glo, Euco and Dryvit. RPM's consumer products are used by professionals and do-it-yourselfers for home maintenance and improvement, automotive and boat repair and maintenance, and by hobbyists. Consumer brands include Zinsser, Rust-Oleum, DAP, Varathane, Bondo and Testors.