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CARBOLINE ACQUIRES MAJORITY INTEREST IN INDIAN JOINT VENTURE

ST. LOUIS – October 7, 2009 – Carboline Company, a global manufacturer of high-performance coatings, linings and fireproofing products, today announced that it has acquired a majority interest in its Indian joint venture, CDC Carboline India Pvt. Ltd. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

Based in Chennai, India, CDC Carboline India manufactures corrosion protection and fireproofing products predominately for the petrochemical, power, fabrication, and commercial and industrial fireproofing markets. The company has annual sales of approximately \$8 million.

As a result of this transaction, Carboline will own an 80 percent majority position in CDC Carboline India. The company's founder, Daniel Chittayagam, will retain 20 percent ownership and remain as managing director.

“We’ve had a tremendous 23-year relationship with Daniel Chittayagam and his team at CDC Carboline India. Our increased ownership stake in the business supports our long-term growth strategy in the Indian marketplace and surrounding region,” stated Richard M. Wilson, president, Carboline Company.

About Carboline

Carboline Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of RPM International Inc. (NYSE: RPM), is a world leader in high performance coatings, lining systems and fireproofing products. Carboline provides a comprehensive line of products for the protection of steel and concrete substrates from both corrosion and fire damage. Its products are widely used in petrochemical, power, offshore drilling, marine, pipeline and terminal, bridge and highway, water and wastewater treatment, metals and mining, OEM, rail, pulp and paper, industrial and commercial fireproofing and other markets where long-term asset protection is a high priority. The company serves these markets with an international sales force working directly with owners, engineers, manufacturers, fabricators and specialty applicators. More information is available at www.carboline.com.

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