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**Third Coast Chemicals, Inc. Purchases Lyondell's Brake Fluid Business**

HOUSTON, Texas (July 5, 2007) – Third Coast Chemicals, Inc. of Pearland, Texas, announced today that it has purchased Lyondell Chemical Company's brake fluid business. The agreement between Equistar Chemicals LP (a Lyondell company) and Third Coast was effective as of July 1, 2007, and the two companies expect that there will be a two-month transition period.

Under the terms of the agreement, Third Coast has purchased and assumed responsibility for Lyondell's global brake fluid business. The agreement includes a long-term contract between the two companies for supply of brake fluid raw materials from Equistar's glycol ether production facility located in Bayport, Texas.

Leandro Carboni, business manager, Solvents and C4 Specialties for Lyondell, commented, "This innovative agreement will allow us to focus on our glycol ethers business and, at the same time, afford us the opportunity of a long-term raw material supply agreement with Third Coast."

Jim Clawson, CEO of the Third Coast Chemicals, said, "This is a perfect fit within our business model and is our next major step forward. It enables us to significantly expand our presence in the global brake fluid business while complementing a variety of other functions we perform for the chemical industry."