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**TREMCO COMMERCIAL SEALANTS AND WATERPROOFING'S TORONTO FACILITY
REACHES ZERO LANDFILL**

BEACHWOOD, Ohio (March 31, 2011) - Tremco Commercial Sealants & Waterproofing's Toronto, Ontario, Canada facility has achieved a major milestone two-and-a-half years ahead of schedule: zero landfill. In addition, the leading North American supplier of integrated building envelope solutions for the commercial construction industry has furthered its commitment to sustainability through numerous initiatives that focus on enhancements to its products and operations as well as employee education.

"Tremco has made sustainability an integral part of its operating philosophy," said Michael Schmeida, manager of sustainable programs, Tremco Commercial Sealants & Waterproofing. "We, as an organization, have taken the word sustainable and its meaning and have incorporated it into our operations and corporate culture. Sustainability is fast becoming a key cornerstone of our business."

Zero Landfill

Beginning in June 2008 and completed in November 2010, the company's Toronto facility achieved zero landfill in just under two-and-a-half years. This is half the time most case studies suggest it would take to complete the project for a large industrial manufacturing facility. The facility reached its goal through a reduction of waste, recycling of waste and reuse as fuel feedstock. The Toronto facility is being monitored for the next 12 months to ensure there is no waste going to landfill.

Initiated in 2008, this is part of a five-year project designed to eliminate Tremco's landfill waste in its North American Sealant and Waterproofing facilities. In the program's first year, the organization reduced its ratio of landfill waste to materials shipped by 40 percent.

Products and Product Development

Tremco's innovative products further the organization's commitment to sustainability through:

- Increased energy efficiency
- Reflective coatings that reduce the heat island effect
- Drainage to collect and reuse water
- Many low- and zero-VOC products
- Products with renewable materials
- Products with recycled raw materials
- Packaging with recycled content
- Pursuit of green chemistry alternatives
- Products/systems designed to increase overall longevity and decrease maintenance

In terms of product development, Tremco continues to design with ecology in mind. The organization has made the following requirements for all new products going forward:

- Consideration of renewable and/or recycled materials
- Consideration of recyclability
- VOC compliant now and in the future (five-year window)
- Emphasis on green chemistry solutions
- Reducing processing time (reducing cycle times).
- Taking energy or byproducts from one manufacturing process and using them for another

Operations

Tremco has established an ongoing team to look at energy savings and process time reductions at all of its facilities. For example, Tremco has reduced the cycle time of its largest gallon-volume material by 40 percent just by staging work areas better.

In addition, the company has put initiatives in place focused on the ecological impact of the manufacturing of its products. As an example, water used at its Canadian facility is now either recirculated or used in other processes saving 19 million gallons per year.

Education

Through Tremco's involvement in associations such as American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), Adhesives and Sealants Council (ASC) and International Code Council (ICC), the company is not only able to take back valuable information and educate its employees, but it is also able to have a voice in shaping the future of sustainability. In addition, Tremco employees have gone through training on sustainable design. This takes many forms including internal training sessions, informal eco-seminars and formal education such as training to become a LEED-Green Associate or training in using EnergyStar tools.

Tremco Commercial Sealants & Waterproofing is North America's leading supplier of integrated building envelope solutions for the commercial construction industry. Product lines include high-performance silicone and urethane joint sealants, waterproofing membranes, drainage protection, air barrier systems, engineered transition assemblies, deck coatings, expansion joints, a full line of passive fire protection products and systems, and the industry's only comprehensive line of glazing systems including silicone sealants, tapes, gaskets, and setting blocks. With experienced sales representatives in every major market throughout North America, Tremco is positioned to provide assistance for specification development, application-specific product development, problem-solving and assistance on-site. For more information about Tremco Commercial Sealants & Waterproofing and its product lines, go to www.tremcosealants.com.

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