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Employees of Koch companies launch Habitat for Humanity build in Greensburg

WICHITA, Kan. – Koch Nitrogen Company employees from Dodge City and other volunteers from Koch companies in Wichita will begin construction July 24 on one of the first Habitat for Humanity homes in the tornado-ravaged community of Greensburg, Kan.

Approximately 500 volunteers will participate, most of them Koch companies' employees and their families. Additionally, Koch Nitrogen Company has donated \$65,000 to support the project and other Koch companies, including Georgia-Pacific and INVISTA, are donating "green" building materials for the Habitat house in Greensburg, including:

- Georgia-Pacific's DensArmor Plus® paperless interior drywall. DensArmor Plus® products are the first and only gypsum drywall products to receive GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality certifications recognizing indoor products that have low emissions.
- Georgia-Pacific's Plytanium® Thermostat® plywood radiant barrier sheathing. Designed to reflect up to 97 percent of the sun's radiant heat, this radiant barrier sheathing can lower attic temperatures and improve energy efficiency in the home.
- INVISTA's STAINMASTER® carpet. The nylon 6,6 in INVISTA's STAINMASTER® carpet extends the reusable life of the carpet by up to 50 percent over other carpets and can also be recycled back into carpet fiber or other high-value products like carpet cushions, carpet backing and other end uses.

The home will also be stocked with Georgia-Pacific's Angel Soft® bathroom tissue, Sparkle® paper towels and Mardi Gras® napkins, along with a gift basket of the company's Dixie® tabletop products, such as cups, plates and cutlery.

"The generosity of Koch companies is helping change lives in Greensburg," said Linda Stewart, executive director of Wichita Habitat for Humanity, Inc. "Koch has been a valuable partner with our organization, and it is gratifying to work with them to help rebuild this community."

According to Koch Nitrogen's Dodge City Plant Manager, Gary LeRock, "Dodge City and Greensburg are part of a close-knit, Southwest Kansas community. This build is a special opportunity for us to help our neighbors. The people of Greensburg have an amazing spirit and we invite other businesses to join us as we help with the rebuilding process in their town."

Unique to this build will be time lapse photography of the home's exterior taken throughout the one month build. Paid for by Koch companies, the photography will be edited into a short video that can be viewed at www.kochind.com. According to Stewart, this is the first time a home being built by the Wichita Habitat for Humanity organization has been captured on time lapse. "This video will be a fun and exciting way for volunteers, supporters and news media to witness the transformation," Stewart said.

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In addition to the 2008 Habitat project, Koch companies and their employees donated more than \$170,000 in cash and in-kind donations to Greensburg's rebuilding efforts in 2007. Koch companies have been long-time partners with Habitat and in 2007 sponsored and built their third Habitat home in Wichita.

"As fellow Kansans, we feel a special connection to Greensburg," said Steve Packebush, president of Koch Nitrogen Company. "Not only is our Dodge City plant nearby, but our employees were among the first to step up after the tornado, donating \$25,000 and sending tools and equipment to begin to get the town back on its feet."

Construction on the Greensburg home is scheduled to be completed by Aug. 23. The house will be dedicated the week of Sept. 8.

Spots are available for volunteers and groups to donate time to the project. For more information or to sign up, visit www.wichitahabitat.org.

About Wichita Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity International is a non-profit ecumenical Christian housing ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in Americus, Ga., in 1976, Habitat has built more than 300,000 houses in nearly 100 countries, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 1 million people. Habitat homes are sold at no profit and purchased by low-income households through no-profit 0%-interest mortgages. The local Wichita Habitat for Humanity chapter, founded in 1986, has built 94 homes in the Sedgwick County area and will complete 16 in 2008, in addition to construction in Greensburg, Kansas. For more information, visit www.wichitahabitat.org.

About Pratt/Kiowa County Habitat Chapter

The Pratt/Kiowa County Habitat Chapter is an extension of Wichita Habitat for Humanity, Inc., formed to assist tornado-impacted families in Greensburg, Kansas. The chapter is led by an advisory board and committees, working through WHFH. Persons interested in involvement should contact Wichita Habitat for Humanity, Inc.

About Koch Nitrogen Company

Koch Nitrogen Company and its affiliates produce, distribute and globally market nitrogen fertilizers, including anhydrous ammonia, urea, nitric acid, UAN solutions, ammonium nitrate solution, ammonium polyphosphate and ammonium thiosulfate. The companies' fertilizer interests have the capability of producing about 8 million metric tons of nitrogen products annually. Koch Nitrogen is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Koch Industries, Inc. The Koch Nitrogen plant in Dodge City employs about 40 people.

About Koch Industries, Inc.

Based In Wichita, Kan., privately held Koch Industries, Inc. owns a diverse group of companies involved in refining and chemicals; process and pollution control equipment and technologies; minerals; fertilizers; fibers and polymers; commodity and financial trading and services; and forest and consumer products. Koch companies have a presence in nearly 60 countries and employ about 80,000 people. With more than \$100 billion in revenues, Koch Industries is the largest private company in America according to *Forbes* magazine.

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