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Scott Bader Joins New UK Project Group To Discover Alternative Composites Production Options from Sustainable Biomass Resources

The North East Process Industry Cluster (NEPIC) is leading a new sustainable resources project group, made up of leading industrial companies in the UK plus research academics from Surrey, Teesside and Newcastle Universities. The aim of this 30 month project is to identify new commercial opportunities for full-scale chemicals manufacturing from a range of alternative sustainable biomass resources, such as feedstocks.

Scott Bader, who's R & D team has been working for over two years on a number of green projects to develop alternative composites resins from renewable resources, sees the NEPIC project as an ideal way to collaborate with other companies and academics also committed to discovering sustainable, environmentally friendly alternatives for chemical products. Mr Roy Phillips, Technical Director for Scott Bader commented: *"Over the next 30 months the R & D team will work closely with members of the Group to share ideas and expertise. This is a significant commitment of our R & D resources, which Scott Bader believes it must do in order to find viable renewable options within the chemical industry for the future."*

The project, named ABC (Assessing Biomass to Chemicals), is being partly sponsored by DEFRA and also enjoys support from a range of interested industrial parties as well as Scott Bader, namely AkzoNobel, Growhow, Jacobs Engineering, Graphite Resources and Link2Energy. The intended project outcome will be to produce estimated capital and operating costs for the best and most technically feasible processing options.

For further information on the sustainable 'Green Projects' being done by Scott Bader e mail info@scottbader.com . For more information about NEPIC go to www.nepic.co.uk



Scott Bader's R & D team at Wollaston has been working on sustainable, green projects for over two years.

About Scott Bader

Scott Bader was established in 1921. Today it is a £180 million multinational chemical company, employing 560 people worldwide. It is a common trusteeship company, having no external shareholders, with a strong commitment to support its workforce, society and the environment.

Scott Bader's headquarters is based in the UK where they have purpose-built, state-of-the-art technical facilities that provide R & D as well as complete evaluation, testing and application support. They have manufacturing facilities in the UK, France, Croatia, The Middle East and South Africa. For further information regarding Scott Bader, please call +44 (0)1933 663100, visit www.scottbader.com or e-mail info@scottbader.com.

About NEPIC:

NEPIC, the North East Process Industry Cluster, represents over 500 chemical, pharmaceutical biotechnology and support companies across the North East of England. Together they represent the largest (25%) section of the economy in the region, contributing £10bn GDP to the economy each year, employing 34,000 people directly and indirectly supporting a further 200,000 jobs. For further information contact: Mark Lewis, North East Process Industries Cluster (NEPIC), The Wilton Centre, Wilton, Cleveland, TS10 4RF. Tel: 01642 442560, email: mark.lewis@nepic.co.uk, www.nepic.co.uk