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**Zschimmer & Schwarz Announces Opening of Esterification Plant in Ivey, GA**

Milledgeville, GA (January 7, 2019) — Zschimmer & Schwarz USA is pleased to announce the opening of its greenfield synthetic ester plant in Ivey, Georgia. Following a decade of strong growth, Zschimmer & Schwarz USA built the Ivey plant to expand production beyond the headquarters factory in Milledgeville, GA. Production at Ivey began in December 2018 and the first two reactors will be fully operational by March 2019. Upon completion of phase one, the Ivey plant will increase ZSUS domestic synthetic ester capacity by 45 million pounds.

The Ivey plant was built from the ground up to manufacture lubricant grade synthetic esters. It incorporates years of ester expertise and features an innovative, proprietary QEC Process to deliver unparalleled quality, efficiency and consistency. In addition, Ivey incorporates a modular design to accommodate future growth.

Bill Burton, CEO of Zschimmer & Schwarz, Inc. states, "We are very excited about the opening of the Ivey plant. After years of sustained growth, Ivey is necessary to support our current customer base and to expand into new areas. Not only does Ivey add much needed capacity, it is built using a state-of-the-art modular design that allows us to quickly integrate additional reactors as the need arises. Ivey will allow Zschimmer & Schwarz, Inc. to build on its position as a supplier of high quality ester based specialty chemicals."

Synthetic esters are a key ingredient for formulating high performance synthetic lubricants and metalworking fluids. Synthesized from organic alcohols and natural or synthetic fatty acids, synthetic esters are environmentally friendly lubricant basestocks that provide excellent lubricity and additive compatibility.

The manufacturing process and feedstock selection defines properties such as viscosity, volatility, stability, biodegradability and fire resistance. Our synthetic esters are formulated to provide the optimal fluid properties for the intended use. For example, some are engineered for outstanding oxidative and thermal stability for high temperature applications and others for low temperature applications such as refrigeration compressor lubricants.

**About the Zschimmer & Schwarz Group:**

ZSCHIMMER & SCHWARZ GmbH is an international company with headquarters in Lahnstein near Koblenz, Germany. The company has been family-owned since its foundation in 1894 in Chemnitz, Germany.

ZSCHIMMER & SCHWARZ develops and produces high performance chemical auxiliaries for the leather, ceramic, textile/fiber, personal care, lubricant, polymer and phosphonate industries/markets. The Zschimmer & Schwarz group is comprised of 28 companies worldwide, 20 of them with production facilities.

**About Zschimmer & Schwarz, Inc:**

Zschimmer & Schwarz, Inc. was established in 1998 as a sales office for the Americas. In 2003, ZSUS began manufacturing synthetic esters, surfactants, phosphate esters and other specialty chemicals and chemical intermediates at their facility in Milledgeville, GA. ZSUS main markets include lubricants, metalworking, fiber finish, oilfield, water treatment, and emulsion polymerization.

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