

# FACTSHEET – DuPont LX Platform Products

## For fluorosurfactants in the paints, coatings and I&I industries

LX Platform Products for fluorosurfactants in the paints, coatings, and the I&I industries are a superior performing line of fluorotelomer products based on existing DuPont Zonyl® chemistry.

### FEATURES

- Fewer impurities – greater than 97% reduction in trace levels of PFOA\*, its homologues and direct precursors
- Better color
- Equivalent or improved performance
- Cost effective

### OVERALL BENEFITS

- ❖ DuPont's new manufacturing process will remove greater than 97% of all trace levels of PFOA, its homologues and direct precursors from the LX Platform Products and the products will continue to maintain superior performance.
- ❖ LX Platform Products are expected to be drop-in replacement products that do not require new equipment or investments, causing no disruption or delay for customers.
- ❖ LX Platform Products will continue to be listed on existing global regulatory clearances, including the US (TSCA), Europe (EINECS), Canada (DSL) and Japan (ENCS).

### PRODUCTION

- LX Platform Products will be used in greater than 70% of the DuPont fluorotelomer line for soil-, stain- and oil- repellent products for fluorosurfactants.
- LX Platform Products will be available for customers in the first quarter of this year, and will increase in availability throughout 2007. LX Platform Products are expected to be priced in the same range as current offerings.
- DuPont has invested \$20 million with subsidiary, First Chemical, in Pascagoula, Miss., on a new manufacturing line to make LX Platform Products. The facility will use an innovative new technology -- developed and patented by DuPont -- to reduce nearly all trace levels of PFOA at a key intermediate step in the production.

### FLUOROSURFACTANTS

LX Platform Products will be drop-in replacements for existing DuPont fluorosurfactants used in coatings, and I&I products. These products will continue to offer superior performance and benefits:

- Improved wetting
- Enhanced leveling
- Reduced cratering
- Reduced foaming
- Compatible with most aqueous-based waxes and polishes
- Effectively provides antiblock in coatings
- Provides high gloss and soil repellence
- Extends open time in waterborne coatings

*\* Note: Telomer chemistry is not made with PFOA, nor is PFOA added during the manufacture of DuPont telomer-based products. However, PFOA is found at trace levels in some fluorotelomer products as an unintended byproduct of the manufacturing process.*