



## **ERCO Worldwide awarded Round IV Responsible Care® re-verification certificate 2007**

ERCO Worldwide, a founding member of Responsible Care®, is pleased to announce they have received a certificate from the Canadian Chemical Producers' Association (CCPA) for successfully completing Round IV Responsible Care® re-verification! This represents over 13 years of external compliance to the Responsible Care® ethic. CCPA developed the codes in 1985 and the verification-in-place process in 1994.

### **Conclusions as described by the CCPA verification team!**

“It is the conclusion of the re-verification team that Responsible Care® is deeply ingrained in the fabric of ERCO management systems and the ethic guides all day-to-day and forward planning business decisions of the company. There is a well-documented and thorough management system that ensures that the ethic and the codes are an integral part of the long-range planning and day-to-day operations throughout the life cycle of its products and services. There were seven findings requiring action in the report, to which the external verification team stated “we are confident that, underpinned by the ethic, ERCO management system is self-healing and the company will address these findings a timely manner”.

“Since the last verification ERCO has expanded with an acquisition in Wisconsin and a new facility in Chile. A review of the acquisition process and building of the new facility further reinforced the team’s perception of how the Responsible Care® ethic guides company activities. Involvement of the president at the site level through annual plant visits further reinforces how the ethic is understood and applied at the site level”.

The verification team also stated that new employees are well-trained in the aspects of the codes and in-place managers and employees utilize the Responsible Care® codes in their daily activities.

### **What is Responsible Care®?**

Responsible Care® is an initiative of the Canadian Chemical Producers' Association (CCPA) by which the association’s members and partners commit to be, and to be seen as, responsible companies within Canadian society. It is based on an ethical approach to the safe and environmentally sound management of chemicals – an approach that started in Canada but has since spread to over 50 countries around the world.

### **What does verification mean?**

Approximately every three years after team acceptance of Responsible Care-in-Place, the CCPA schedules re-verifications whereby an external team of verifiers examines how well the ethical basis of Responsible Care® is understood and adopted within the company, and also how effective the company's management systems are in applying the ethical principles throughout their operations.

The team which includes an independent community and industry representative, a site operating community representative and a lead verifier looks at how the company shared the results of the former re-verification with the local community, and examines how robust the ongoing process of community dialogue appears to be as well as and how current issues and concerns are being identified and addressed.

The topics examined include community dialogue, process safety management, site emergency preparedness and response, security regarding malicious threats that could impact public safety or well-being, health effects of products and plant emissions, product stewardship and transportation outreach. Also examined are emissions of greenhouse gases and the company's performance to reducing these emissions.

### **ERCO Worldwide History!**

ERCO Worldwide has a 100-year history producing chemicals and a long history of supplying environmentally preferred chlorine dioxide technology to the pulp and paper industry. In addition, the company manufactures chlor-alkali products for the water treatment industry, food processing and fertilizers.

The Pulp and Paper and the chlor-alkali business of ERCO Worldwide (ERCO) together employ approximately 500 people and operate nine manufacturing facilities – two in the United States six in Canada and one in Mininco, Chile:

- Buckingham, Quebec;
- Thunder Bay, Broadway, Ontario;
- Hargrave, Manitoba
- Grande Prairie, Alberta;
- Saskatoon, Saskatchewan;
- North Vancouver, British Columbia;
- Valdosta, Georgia, USA.
- Port Edwards, Wisconsin
- Mininico, Chile

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