

SPECIALTY MATERIALS, INC.

Manufacturers of Boron and SCS Silicon Carbide Fibers and Boron Nanopowder

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Specialty Materials, Inc. Announces Price Reduction for SCS-6™ and Ultra SCS™ Silicon Carbide Fibers

Lowell, MA, January 25, 2010 – For the second time in less than a year, Specialty Materials, Inc. (SMI) has reduced the price of their SCS silicon carbide (SiC) fibers. In May, 2009, SMI lowered the price of SCS-6™ fiber by 12% for volumes of at least 500 lbs annually. A price decrease has now been applied to all volumes, with prices lowered by up to 20%. Ultra SCS™ fiber production has recently been reestablished and co-located with SCS-6™, providing a significant cost change from prior facilities, and resulting in pricing much closer to that of SCS-6™. Ultra SCS™ fiber has the highest strength and modulus of any SiC fiber in production.

“Developers and users of ceramic matrix composites have justifiably been concerned about the availability of a domestic source for a moderately priced SiC fiber”, said Monte Treasure, SMI’s president. “Lowering our price for higher volumes of our SCS-6™ fiber last spring demonstrated our commitment to meet any customer’s production needs for SiC fiber. With this recent price decrease for lower volumes, we’re encouraging both new customers and anyone with initially low fiber requirements to use our SCS fibers. As our sales of SCS fibers continue to grow, we expect to continue to offer lower prices in the future.”

SMI is a privately held company that was formed in 2001 when it was sold by Textron Corporation. SCS fiber was developed in the 1970s primarily as reinforcement for titanium composites for turbine engine components. It has also been used successfully to enhance the strength and toughness of a variety of glass and ceramic matrix composites. “In addition to Ultra SCS™ fiber’s high strength and modulus, it has exceptional high temperature creep resistance. That property makes it an excellent candidate for ceramic matrix composites used in the most demanding applications”, added Dr. Al Kumnick, Director of Engineering.

In addition to its SCS fiber, SMI manufactures Boron fiber, most of which it converts to Boron epoxy prepreg tape for use in various aerospace and commercial applications. Both Boron and SCS silicon carbide fibers are monofilaments made by chemical vapor deposition. SMI has also used its expertise in gas phase chemical processing to develop a boron nanopowder for use in magnesium diboride superconductors. SMI is ISO 9001 certified.

For the SCS fiber price list and further information about this or other SMI products, please contact Bill Grant by e-mail at wgrant@specmaterials.com or by phone at 978-322-1972, or visit our website at www.specmaterials.com.

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