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INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL FIRM H.J. BAKER MAKES MAJOR UPGRADE TO FERTILIZER PLANT

H.J. Baker Installs Customized Production Belt at Atmore, Ala., Plant to Respond to Increased Demand for Tiger-Sul Products

WESTPORT, Conn., USA— (March 17, 2014)—Agricultural firm H.J. Baker announced today the company is now operating a third specially customized rotoformer production belt at its Atmore, Ala., fertilizer plant. The upgrade will enable the facility to significantly increase production of its Tiger-Sul products and meet customer demand during critical peak seasons. The new rotoformer went through a carefully customized refurbish, incorporating the best of both Sandvik and Berndorf technologies. Additional features were added to the machine to enable employees to customize its mechanics based on individual customer needs.

“This new customized production belt is part of H.J. Baker’s ongoing capital improvement plan at our Atmore facility,” said CEO Christopher Smith. “It is another clear example of H.J. Baker’s continued commitment to innovate using the latest technology and to ensure our facilities meet and exceed today’s market demands,” Smith added.

H.J. Baker’s Atmore facility manufactures Tiger-Sul’s sulphur bentonite fertilizer products, including boron, iron, zinc and magnesium. These are specifically formulated for row crops in the Southeast United States, including corn, cotton, soybeans and peanuts. In addition, this facility also manufactures fertilizer for specialty crops such as citrus, vegetables, sugar cane, blueberries and forage and turf grass. The plant was recently upgraded, adding a 1,500-ton molten sulphur storage tank.

Atmore Plant Manager Matt Kimes commented, “The belt will give our facility an overall 30 percent increase in production capacity to better serve our customers during increased seasonal volumes. Our employees can influence and customize the direction of the belt and make changes to meet specific customer requests.”

Smith added, “Customer demand for our fertilizer products is growing throughout the country and around the globe. In addition to the Atmore upgrades, we recently purchased a production facility in Irricana, Alberta, which will be operating soon. This will increase manufacturing capacity to address customer needs domestically and internationally and add capabilities, such as sulphur forming, in the future.”

H.J. Baker is a name synonymous with quality in the feed, fertilizer and sulphur industries for more than 160 years. H.J. Baker has been mobilizing resources and providing outstanding products and services to the agriculture industry throughout the world. The company's strategically located processing plants, offices and warehouses create a super-efficient pipeline for the vital commodities and products that it sources, manufactures and markets. H.J. Baker is headquartered in Westport, Conn., USA.

Tiger-Sul Products is a wholly-owned subsidiary of H.J. Baker & Bro., Inc., which is based in Westport, Conn. Tiger-Sul Products is a global leader in Sulphur Bentonite, Sulphur Bentonite Micronutrients technology, and other well-established fertilizer products with more than 40 years of operational excellence. TIGER®, TIGER® 90CR and TIGER® MICRONUTRIENTS are registered trademarks of Tiger-Sul Products in the United States, Canada and possibly other countries.

For more information on H.J. Baker & Bro., Inc., visit hjbaker.com.



CAPTION: Agricultural firm H.J. Baker is now operating a third specially customized rotoformer production belt at its Atmore, Ala., fertilizer plant, enabling the facility to significantly increase production.

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