DuPont Patented Technology Discourages Duster Inhalation Abuse

Bittered dusting technology, available by license, is being introduced during the 20th annual National Inhalants and Poison Awareness Week

WILMINGTON, Del., March 23, 2012 – DuPont today announced a patented new technology to discourage inhalation abuse of propellant products known as “dusters.” Dusters are used to blow dust and contaminants from sensitive surfaces such as electronic components.

“The new technology is based on an additive that can enhance the safety of duster products by deterring abusers from concentrating and inhaling them,” said Jane Austin, global business and market director, DuPont Fluorochemicals. “DuPont worked to identify a formulation that would deter abuse while maintaining consumer acceptance and overall product safety.”

This technology is being made available through licensing from DuPont, a leading science company with safety as a core value. The patent covers all aerosol duster products that are made, sold or used in the United States utilizing this technology. For more information on licensing of this new technology, contact Esther Rosenberg at DuPont (esther.g.rosenberg@usa.dupont.com).

DuPont believes in the importance of education on the consequences of inhalation product abuse, and we support the Alliance for Consumer Education (ACE) Inhalation Abuse Prevention Programs (http://www.inhalant.org/). We are introducing this new technology during the 20th annual National Inhalants and Poison Awareness Week (http://inhalant-info.blogspot.com/2012/03/national-inhalants-and-poisons.html).

DuPont (NYSE: DD) has been bringing world-class science and engineering to the global marketplace in the form of innovative products, materials, and services since 1802. The company believes that by collaborating with customers, governments, NGOs, and thought leaders we can help find solutions to such global challenges as providing enough healthy food for people everywhere, decreasing dependence on fossil fuels, and protecting life and the environment. For additional information about DuPont and its commitment to inclusive innovation, please visit http://www.dupont.com.

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