

Dividends

- **Donaldson Co's** board of directors has increased its quarterly common stock cash dividend by 10%, marking the company's 22nd consecutive year of dividend increases. The board declared a regular cash dividend of US\$0.11 per share, payable on 14 March 2008 to shareholders of record on 22 February 2008. As of 31 December 2007, there were approximately 79 100 000 shares outstanding. The current declaration is the 210th consecutive quarterly cash dividend paid by Donaldson over a 52 year period.
www.donaldson.com
- Directors of **Pentair Inc** recently approved an increase in the company's regular quarterly cash dividend of 13%, or US\$0.02 per share, effective with the first quarter dividend of 2008. The new quarterly cash dividend rate - US\$0.17 per share - represents Pentair's 31st consecutive annual dividend increase.
www.pentair.com
- The **Alfa Laval** board will propose to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 22 April 2008 a dividend of SKr9.00 per share and to make 4:1 share split. If the proposal is accepted the split is expected to be completed in June 2008.
www.alfalaval.com
- The **Ahlstrom** board will propose to the company's AGM on 2 April 2008 that a dividend of €1.00 per share be paid for the fiscal year that ended on 31 December 2007. The dividend record date will be 7 April 2008 and the pay date 14 April 2008.
www.ahlstrom.com
- At the company's AGM in Tampere, Finland on 18 March 2008, **Tamfelt** will propose that a dividend of €0.52 be paid on a common share and €0.54 on a preferred share. The dividend payment date should be 1 April 2008.
www.tamfelt.com
- **GUD Holdings Ltd**, parent company of Ryco, has announced an 11% increase in its interim dividend to A\$0.30 per share, up A\$0.03.
www.gud.co.au and www.rycofilters.com.au

Dow, International Aid partner on HydrAid filters

The Dow Chemical Co and humanitarian healthcare agency International Aid have formed a strategic partnership where Dow will provide the plastic resin required to manufacture 300 000 HydrAid BioSand Water Filters, a lightweight water purification device currently being distributed by International Aid worldwide.

Manufactured by Grand Rapids, Michigan-based Cascade Engineering, the injection-molded, non-electric HydrAid filter has no moving or replacement parts.

Dow's partnership with International Aid builds on the company's funding of an International Aid-sponsored study in Ghana, West Africa, which is evaluating the effectiveness of the HydrAid filter in the field.

For further information, visit www.hydrAid.org and www.dow.com

Novasep, Rohm and Haas form global alliance for glycerol purification

Rohm and Haas Ion Exchange Resins and Novasep are forming an exclusive global alliance to market and sell new technology for the purification of crude glycerol by-product from biodiesel processing.

The new technology, based on Rohm and Haas's AMBERSEP BD50 resin and Novasep separation processes, will be offered through the alliance partners and marketed by Rohm and Haas. The AMBERSEP BD50 technology addresses the industry need for a cost-effective alternative to purify crude glycerol with high salt content. Crude glycerol derived from biodiesel production typically contains high levels of salt, and most downstream applications for glycerol are sensitive to salt and other impurities. Conventional distillation is an accepted purification route,

but requires high investment and operating costs, compared to the separation process developed by Novasep based on Rohm and Haas specialty polymer resins which delivers purity, productivity and low effluents at the same time as costs savings.

"We are pleased to be able to partner with Novasep and draw on their expertise in separations to bring this novel technology to market," says Kim Ann Mink, vice president and global general manager, Rohm and Haas Ion Exchange Resins.

Jerome Leroux, general manager of Applexion, a Groupe Novasep company, added: "Bringing this novel technology to market with Rohm and Haas will allow us to offer an innovative and environmentally-friendly process to purify crude glycerol. Together, we have an opportunity to help the biodiesel industry capitalize on new industrial applications for glycerol."

For further information, visit www.novasep.com and www.rohmhaas.com

Brimac, Plymouth Technology sign pan-European distribution agreement

Brimac Environmental Services Ltd is to distribute Plymouth Technology Inc's Metals Removal System (MRS) wastewater treatment technology throughout the UK and Europe.

As a result, MRS will now be available for the first time in the European market.

Plymouth's MRS uses proprietary media and patented processes to adsorb heavy metals and other contaminants from wastewater streams.

"Strong demand in the US resulted in a need to expand our MRS product offering for customers with international operations. Our new Brimac partnership will provide a clear channel to deliver Plymouth Technology's MRS systems to the UK and European market, helping us to better address the burgeoning requirement to standardise globally," said Amanda Christides, Plymouth Technology's president and CEO.

For further information visit www.brimacservices.com and www.plymouthtechnology.com