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Chemetall Earns Prestigious Ford Q1 Status

New Providence, NJ – Chemetall has earned the highly-coveted Q1 Supplier Status Certification from Ford Motor Company. The Certification recognition underscores Ford Motor Company's confidence in Chemetall's dedication to quality, delivery, service and continuous improvement programs on behalf of Ford's customers.

"I am delighted that Chemetall has been recognized with this Certification," said Ron Felber, Company President and CEO. "It is truly an honor to have our hard work and project dedication recognized. At every step of the way, the Chemetall community – site reps, laboratory personnel, manufacturing, trafficking, and quality control – have demonstrated excellence in their execution."

"I knew that we had already achieved excellence in the four primary areas that Ford's team looks at," said Felber. "We had competent systems, constant improvement, enduring performance and satisfied customers. As well we are fully certified."

Among those certifications are industry gold standards: ISO 9001/ISOTS 16949; ISO 14001 Certification (QS 9000/TE Certification for M&T only); Quality Operating System (QOS) and Performance Metrics and the Endorsements from Key Customers.

"Ford's evaluation team requires these previous certifications. In addition we adhered to the Q1 Site Assessment Evaluation Matrix. This checklist provided objective evidence that we met all of Ford's site expectations."

Ford Motor Company will award a certificate and a flag which will fly at Chemetall's Blackman Township, Michigan manufacturing facility. This will signify to the entire industry that Chemetall is a tier one supplier.

Chemetall has been developing, manufacturing, and supplying state-of-the-art specialty chemical products since 1909. The ISO 9001 company offers a wide spectrum of products ranging from metalworking fluids and drawing & stamping compounds to cleaners, rust preventives and surface treatment chemistries. Chemetall's integrated products, chemical management systems, process equipment, and technical service programs deliver efficient and cost effective solutions for industrial manufacturing needs. Expect more with Chemetall.

Chemetall is a world-class specialty chemical company and a global provider of chemical technologies based in Frankfurt, Germany. In addition to the North American headquarters in New Providence, New Jersey, other locations in the Americas include Blackman Township, Michigan; La Mirada, California; Bramalea, Ontario; and Querétaro, México. Chemetall is a division of Rockwood Holdings Inc., a global specialty chemicals and advanced materials company traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

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