

News briefs

Pola Chemical Industry Inc. of Japan is using rosmarinic acid extracted from the leaves of rosemary tree for use in foundation-type cosmetics. The rosmarinic acid is used to prevent formation of lipid peroxides, according to a Japan Oil Chemists' Society spokesman.

David Webb, who has worked for **Unilever** for 34 years, will succeed **John R. Cookson** as president of **Lever Brothers Co.**'s household products division upon Cookson's retirement at the end of December. Webb, who has been elected a director of the company, most recently served as a member of Unilever's overseas committee managing the firm's companies outside Europe and North America.

Akzo NV of The Netherlands has announced it is selling its consumer products division, **Akzo Consumenten Producten**, to **Sara Lee Corp.**, a Chicago-based foods concern. The consumer products division, including personal care and cleaning products, made up approximately 6% of Akzo NV's sales last year. Meanwhile, **Gerard Labelle** has been named director of marketing for **Akzo Chemie Ltd.**, the Canadian unit of **Akzo Chemie**.

British Petroleum has acquired **Crestol**, a United Kingdom producer of shampoos and hair products. Crestol will be integrated into BP's detergent division.

Rhône-Poulenc SA of France has agreed to purchase the basic chemicals businesses of **Stauffer Chemical Co.** from Britain's **Imperial Chemical Industries PLC**. ICI bought Stauffer in July from **Unilever** but said it was interested primarily in Stauffer's agrichemical business. The businesses obtained by Rhône-Poulenc comprise inorganic commodity chemicals.

A **Sri Lankan** private sector firm manufacturing soap exclusively from coconut oil has exported its first consignment of soap to Los

Angeles, U.S., according to *The Cocomunity* newsletter. The newsletter reported the shipment contained 300 cases of pure coconut oil soap aimed for sale to those who shun animal fat-based products.

The PQ Corp. has appointed **John R. Ahern** manager of industrial chemicals products engineering, **Michael B. Allen** manager of specialty chemicals products engineering, and **Charles F. O'Brien** chief process engineer in its engineering division. Also, **Richard T. Coffey** has been appointed project manager for detergents in the industrial chemicals division, and **Sherry L. Everett** will work as a technical service associate in the industrial chemicals division, providing technical support to the company's sales representatives.

Emery Chemicals has made the following appointments in its chemical specialties group: **Barry Loeb**, vice president of chemical specialties; **Jeff Porterfield**, marketing manager; **Jim Lamont**, manager of technical services and development; and **Bill Noble**, sales manager. Also, **Robert Dames** has been named vice president of marketing and business management and **Pravin Bhutta** will direct international business. The company has begun construction of its \$21 million expansion in Cincinnati, Ohio. The company says a new

solvent separation facility will increase separation capacity by over 50%, allowing Emery to meet market demand for oleic acids as well as its internal needs. The plan also includes increasing design and efficiency of existing separation facilities. Completion of both phases is expected by the end of 1988.



AOCS member **Kenneth F. Schoene** has been promoted to director of the performance chemicals business of **BASF Corp.**'s chemical division. He formerly served as marketing manager of performance chemicals. Meanwhile, **BASF** has opened an emulsion polymerization surfactants application laboratory at its facilities in Wyandotte, Michigan.

Ferro Corp.'s wholly owned United Kingdom subsidiary, **Ferro (Great Britain) Ltd.**, has acquired **MacPherson Drynamels Ltd.**, a major powder coatings manufacturer.

GAF Corp. has reached an agreement to buy privately owned **Alkaril Chemicals Ltd.** of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, a maker of surfactants, polymeric flocculants, dispersants, polyols, textile processing aids and other specialty chemicals. Alkaril has plants in Mississauga and Winder, Georgia.

Surfactants & Detergents Calendar

1988

January

61st Annual Meeting and Industry Convention, Soap and Detergent Association, Jan. 28-31, 1988, Boca Raton Hotel and Club, Boca Raton, Florida. Contact: The Soap and Detergent Association, 475 Park Ave. S., New York, NY 10016.

March

XIXth Meeting of CED/AID on Surfactants, March 9-11, 1988, Granada, Spain. Contact: Sec-

retaría de la Asociación de Investigación de Detergents (AID), Jorge Girona Salgado, 18-26 Edificio Juan de la Cierva, 08034 Barcelona, Spain.

May

World Surfactants Congress II, "Surfactants in our world—today and tomorrow," May 24-27, 1988, Paris, France. Organized by ASPA, France, and sponsored by the European Committee on Organic Surfactants and Their Intermediates, Avenue Louise 250, Bte. 102, B-1050 Brussels, Belgium.