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## **Synthetech, Inc. Earns National Recognition for Performance Improvement Program**

**Company honored for their commitment to environmental,  
health, safety, and security performance**

Albany, OR – Synthetech, Inc. has earned a 2006 Performance Improvement Achievement Award for accomplishments in implementing and maintaining a strong Environmental, Health, Safety and Security (EHS&S) program. The Achievement Award is given by the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers Association (SOCMA) and sponsored by ChemStewards, SOCMA's EHS&S initiative.

Synthetech is being recognized for its successful efforts to protect employee safety and safeguard the environment through OR-OSHA's Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) program and the implementation of an Environmental Management System (ISO14001).

"We are honored to receive this award from SOCMA and are especially proud of our employees for all of their hard work," said Joel Melka, Vice President of Operations.

SOCMA, the leading international trade association representing the custom and specialty chemical industry, will recognize Synthetech at SOCMA's Annual Dinner and a special awards reception on December 11 in New York City. Dr. Greg Hahn, President and Chief Operating Officer, and Dr. Joseph Murphy, Director of Business Development, will attend the function and accept the award on behalf of the entire Synthetech team.

"Synthetech's efforts in environmental, health, safety and security improvement in manufacturing performance are to be commended. We hope Synthetech continues their efforts in setting an example for the rest of the industry to follow," said SOCMA President Joe Acker.

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Synthetech, Inc. is a fine chemicals company specializing in organic synthesis, biocatalysis and chiral technologies. Synthetech develops and manufactures amino acid derivatives, specialty amino acids, peptide fragments, proprietary custom chiral intermediates and specialty resins, primarily for the pharmaceutical industry. Synthetech's products support the development and manufacture of therapeutic peptides and peptidomimetic small molecule drugs at every stage of a customer's clinical development pipeline, and are used in drugs for the treatment of AIDS, cancer, cardiovascular and other diseases. Synthetech also manufactures products for use in cosmeceuticals.

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