



Hydrite Celebrates 90 Years

Hydrite Chemical Co., an integrated manufacturer and supplier of industrial chemicals and related services, is pleased to announce that it will be celebrating its 90th anniversary in February of 2019.

On February 6, 1929 Hydrite started as a supplier to the tanning industry in Milwaukee, Wisconsin which was a hotspot for tanneries, one of which was supplying the leather harnesses used by the U.S. Armed Services. When the Great Depression hit, the previous owners of Hydrite were looking to sell the company. Seeing an opportunity, Wayne Thompson and Richard Honkamp left their jobs in 1935 and purchased a majority share in Hydrite.

Without the risk that Wayne Thompson and Richard Honkamp took, Hydrite would not be the company that it is today. The evolution from a chemical distributor to a chemical producer was a major turning point for the success of the company and allows Hydrite to continue to expand its business. Today, Hydrite is one of North America's largest independent distributors and manufacturers of specialty and industrial chemicals.

In 2019, Hydrite looks forward to events throughout the year to celebrate its 90th anniversary. We are especially excited about the release of a new company video which is a continuation of Richard Honkamp's book, "Success Has Been Fun," and highlights the history of the company.

Paul Honkamp, Chief Executive Officer, commented, "Thanks to everyone who has made the past 90 years so successful. We would especially like to thank all our employees, customers, and suppliers who play such a crucial role in the success of the company and allowed us to reach this milestone. We are looking forward to the years to come."

Hydrite has developed a reputation within the industry for providing the distinct combination of excellence in chemical manufacturing and distribution with the most comprehensive level of technical expertise available. To learn more, visit www.hydrите.com or call (262) 792-1450.

About Hydrite Chemical Co.

Hydrite, a family-owned company established in 1929, is one of the largest independent providers of chemicals and related services in the United States. Headquartered in Brookfield, Wisconsin, Hydrite has a network of manufacturing facilities, warehouses, and laboratories located in Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, California, and Texas with nearly 1,000 employees in 25 states. Hydrite owns and operates a private fleet of over 255 units including tractors, van trailers, tankers, and railcars.

Hydrite offers expertise in chemical distribution and manufacturing, food and dairy sanitation, organic processing, liquid sulfites, foam control, water treatment, and compliance management services.

With over 5,000 items in its product portfolio, Hydrite's dedicated chemists, engineers, and technical service staff have extensive knowledge and experience in solving the most challenging formulating problems. Hydrite has a strong commitment to quality and customer responsiveness, and offers superior products and innovative solutions.