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DORF KETAL ANNOUNCES TRIBOLOGY MINOR DEGREE SPONSORSHIP

August 15, 2014 – Houston, Texas – Dorf Ketal Chemicals LLC has announced sponsorship of Auburn University's new minor degree program in tribology, the science and engineering of friction, wear and lubrication. The program was created in cooperation with leading industry trade associations and suppliers to address the growing need for machine component reliability skills and lubrication technology expertise. It is the world's first such minor degree program.

Auburn's new tribology minor includes focused studies in friction, wear and lubrication engineering and organic chemistry along with related electives, such as business and engineering, corrosion, metalworking and manufacturing tribology, nanomaterials and contact mechanics. Graduates are expected to be in demand among suppliers of lubricants and additive components as well as a wide range of manufacturing industries, from automotive and aviation to materials science and medical devices.

"The program is the culmination of a decades-long dream," says Ralph Beard, Dorf Ketal's Global Technical and Business Development Manager for Lubricant Additives. "For many years tribology was primarily an academic research pursuit, with engineering knowhow and applied technology passed along in the workplace by experienced professionals. But there are far too few such opportunities today to meet the world's needs."

Beard points out that "Auburn's new tribology minor wouldn't have been possible without generous support from Dorf Ketal, the National Lubricating Grease Institute, the Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers, and a growing list of corporate sponsors who share our vision and have underwritten scholarships and internships."

Since its founding in 1856, Auburn University has grown to become a land, sea and space grant university. Its highly ranked Samuel Ginn College of Engineering is the university's largest undergraduate program. More information is available from Auburn University at <http://eng.auburn.edu/programs/tribology/>.

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