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Bayer Foundation Sponsors Natural Fusion

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (Feb. 17, 2009) – The Bayer USA Foundation has donated \$10,000 to Natural Fusion, Penn State's 2009 Solar Decathlon Team.

Approximately 30 students, faculty and staff crowded around Bayer MaterialScience LLC Chief Administrative Officer Dr. Robert Kumpf and Dr. Mark Witman, Director, New Business, Industry Innovations as they presented a check to the team Friday, February 13, at the Earth and Mineral Sciences Museum in the Deike Building.

The Solar Decathlon is a competition among 20 international universities that compete to build the most effective, energy-efficient solar-powered house. The competition runs from Oct. 9-18 at the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

Bayer MaterialScience LLC, one of the leading producers of high-performance plastics and polymers in North America, helped Natural Fusion from the start of its project by reviewing the initial designs of the home.

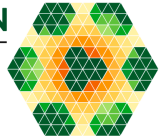
"We're going to be there right through the end. I know you plan on going down and winning [at the National Mall in Washington D.C.]. Hopefully we can help you to do that," Dr. Witman said.

Dr. Kumpf expressed how important it is for a company to provide fulfilling and meaningful work for employees, a long-term set of values and a way to improve life within a community. "With this project, we get to do all three of these things," he said.

Kyle Macht, Team Leader of Natural Fusion, spoke of Penn State's gratitude for Bayer's donation to aid in the construction of the home, which will commence in March.

"We are more than happy to support a worthy project," said Dr. Witman. "This fits very well with our climate initiative, which is a global initiative of Bayer. Our focus is on sustainability and designing and building energy efficient buildings. We want to take advantage of the opportunity now. Our materials are in [the home] as potential solutions to solving some of the problems that industry is facing."

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"Bayer MaterialScience is a huge flagship sponsor and this will really push other companies that are interested in getting involved to sign on to this fantastic project," said Julianne Hagarty, Fundraising Project Manager.

#### About Bayer USA Foundation

The Bayer USA Foundation is an endowed 501(c)(3) entity and is the primary source of Bayer Corporation's philanthropy in the United States. With a programmatic focus on the environment and sustainability; education and workforce development; arts and culture; and health and human services, the foundation creates and supports organizations that improve communities in which Bayer employees live and work, as well as society at large. The Bayer USA Foundation is one of three Bayer foundations worldwide, including the Bayer Science & Education Foundation and the Bayer Cares Foundation.

Bayer MaterialScience LLC is one of the leading producers of polymers and high-performance plastics in North America and is part of the global Bayer MaterialScience business with nearly 15,400 employees at 30 sites around the world and 2007 sales of 10.4 billion euros. Business activities are focused on the manufacture of high-tech polymer materials and the development of innovative solutions for products used in many areas of daily life. The main segments served are the automotive, electrical and electronics, construction, medical, and sports and leisure industries. Our inorganic basic chemicals unit produces chlorine and related essential products for the chemicals industry.

Bayer Corporation, headquartered in Pittsburgh, is a subsidiary of Bayer AG, an international health care, nutrition and high-tech materials group based in Leverkusen, Germany. In North America, Bayer had 2007 net sales of 8.1 billion euros and employed 16,800 at year end. Bayer's three subgroups, Bayer HealthCare, Bayer CropScience and Bayer MaterialScience, improve people's lives through a broad range of essential products that help diagnose, prevent and treat diseases; protect crops and enhance yields; and advance automobile safety and durability.

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