



## Versalis and KBR enter agreement to license technology for styrenics market

San Donato Milanese (MI), Italy; Houston, USA –November 4th, 2015 – Versalis (Eni), a major producer in the polymers and elastomers industry, and KBR, Inc. (NYSE: KBR), a global technology, engineering, procurement and construction company, announced today they have entered a cooperation agreement for KBR to license Versalis' proprietary Ethylbenzene and Styrene Monomer Technologies (EB/SM). These technologies are used for productions in a large variety of applications including industrial and food packaging, household appliances, building insulation, electronic equipment, car components and toys.

Through this agreement, KBR and Versalis will offer competitive and flexible EthylBenzene and Styrene Monomer production technologies using Versalis' innovative zeolite-based catalysts and expert design capabilities. KBR will provide engineering support to deliver the license packages to clients.

Ethylbenzene is an organic compound used to produce Styrene, the main raw material to produce Styrenic Polymers, and for production of high performance Elastomers. Styrenics are exceptionally versatile plastic materials that are light, durable, highly insulating and provide good mechanical properties.

"This agreement is further proof of Versalis' solid technology background, acknowledged at an international level. The technological cooperation with KBR offers the opportunity to enhance our know-how and the value it brings," said Daniele Ferrari, Versalis CEO.

"This alliance reflects KBR's commitment to our core strengths," said John Derbyshire, KBR President of Technology and Consulting. "This is a great opportunity for KBR to expand our chemicals technology portfolio, providing innovative technologies that give our customers a competitive advantage in today's markets."

## **About Versalis**

Versalis is the largest Italian chemical company and arm of Oil&Gas major Eni. It interacts with markets through globally-oriented strategies and a market-driven product portfolio within the plastics and rubber businesses. It holds market stewardship in manufacturing intermediates, polyethylene, styrenics and elastomers and has entered the green chemicals and polymers industry partnering with biotech companies and through emphasizing R&D. Versalis prides itself on its wide range of proprietary technologies, wide-reaching distribution network and after-sales assistance. Versalis manufacturing plants for styrenics are located in Mantua, Italy, and Százhalombatta, Hungary. The processes, all based on proprietary technology, are known at an international level for their technological excellence. Specific R&D on styrenics is mainly carried out at the Mantua Research Centre, which is responsible for the development of new products and processes and any related engineering. As part of its new strategy, the company aims to gain a leadership position in fast-growing markets by leveraging its technological and industrial expertise. Its Licensing activities and strong drive to internationalization have led to the opening of offices in Shanghai, China, and in Mumbai, India, and to entering into partnerships with important players of the chemical industry in Southeastern Asia for development of its elastomers division.

## About KBR, Inc.

KBR, Inc. is a global technology, engineering, procurement and construction company serving the hydrocarbons and government services industries, employing approximately 25,000 people worldwide with customers in more than 70 countries and operations in 40 countries across three distinct global businesses:

- Technology & Consulting, including proprietary technology in refining, ethylene, ammonia and fertilizers, and gasification; and niche consulting and know-how through subsidiaries Granherne, Energo and GVA
- Engineering & Construction, including Upstream Oil & Gas; LNG/GTL; Downstream Oil & Gas; Petrochemicals and Chemicals; differentiated EPC and Industrial Services
- Government Services, including program management and long term annuity contracts

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KBR's most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K/A, any subsequent Form 10-Qs and 8-Ks, and other Securities and Exchange Commission filings discuss some of the important risk factors that KBR has identified that may affect the business, results of operations and financial condition. Except as required by law, KBR undertakes no obligation to revise or update publicly any forward-looking statements for any reason.

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