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### **K-Tech Specialty Coatings formed by Klink Trucking** *New Ashley, Indiana, Business Start-Up will Manufacture Asphalt Maintenance Products*

**ASHLEY (April 25, 2008)** --- Klink Trucking Inc. has acquired the former Hartford Concrete facility in Ashley, Indiana. Klink Trucking expects to invest about \$2 million and hire five employees at K-Tech Specialty Coatings, the new manufacturing company that will start operations in the facility. K-Tech was formed as part of Klink Trucking’s asphalt operations that include emulsifier manufacturing and terminal operations in South Bend, Ind., and Bay City, Mich.

The K-Tech facility will manufacture new, high-quality, non-carcinogenic asphalt maintenance products used as sealers and coatings. The products are used in a variety of applications including roadways, parking lots and buried metal pipelines. The product is an alternative to coal tar products that have been banned in many states as a carcinogenic product.

“We see a growing opportunity for the K-Tech products as coal tar products are banned from the marketplace. This product penetrates and becomes part of the asphalt surface, sealing and binding aggregates tightly together and extending the life of asphalt surfaces,” commented Vince Hansen, controller for Klink Trucking at the company’s Ashley corporate office.

“The Town of Ashley is very pleased that Klink Trucking saw an opportunity to convert the former Hartford Concrete site into a manufacturing facility,” said Randy McEntarfer, Economic Development Administrator for the Town of Ashley. The facility has been vacant since Hartford Concrete ceased operations there in 2007.

#### **About Klink Trucking:**

Klink Trucking and its related businesses employ over 200 employees and have locations in Ashley, Fort Wayne, and South Bend, Indiana, as well as Bay City, Michigan. The company has served the construction industry and residential customers in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio since 1978. Klink Trucking offers a wide variety of products along with reliable service for all aggregate and excavating needs. More information is available at [www.klinktrucking.com](http://www.klinktrucking.com)

#### **About DCEDP:**

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