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Gelest Ramps Up Production of Its BIOSAFE® Antimicrobials to Meet Surging Demand

MORRISVILLE, Pa. (March 12, 2020) – Gelest, Inc., a leading innovator in materials science and the manufacturer of BIOSAFE® Antimicrobials, announced today that it is ramping up the production of its BIOSAFE Antimicrobials to meet surging demand.

BIOSAFE Antimicrobials are found in a wide range of EPA-approved applications among them: [Certainty® SmartBoost™ Laundry Additive](#) for healthcare uniforms, [NWA Quat Keeper™ Foodservice Towels](#) for restaurants and cafeterias, and [King Microshield®](#) for medical equipment and facilities. These are used to preserve treated articles by preventing the growth of stain and odor causing bacteria, fungi, mold and mildew.

As hygiene awareness grows due to the global coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, the public is taking extra precautions to prevent the growth of unwanted bacteria on the clothing they wear and the surfaces they touch. Consequently, demand for sanitizers, disinfectants, and antimicrobials are on the rise. Gelest, like so many suppliers, is ramping up production to meet the demand increases.

“Our Morrisville facility has the capacity and experience to adapt production to demand,” said Shiming Wo, Vice President and General Manager Life Science of Gelest. “By rapidly developing new applications of BIOSAFE® Antimicrobial and quickly ramping up the production responding to the market demand, Gelest is living up to its commitment to fighting against antimicrobial resistance through partnership with private industries, governments, and non-governmental organizations worldwide.”

In 2019, Gelest joined The Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Challenge initiated by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

BIOSAFE Antimicrobials inhibit microorganism growth by physically puncturing the microbe’s cell membrane and destroying the microbes on contact. As previously reported, this mode of action has significantly less tendency for microbes to develop resistance through adaption and mutation. Visit the Gelest website to learn more about [BIOSAFE Antimicrobial Technology](#).

About Gelest

Gelest, Inc., a New Mountain Capital portfolio company headquartered in Morrisville, Pennsylvania, is an innovator, manufacturer, and supplier of silicones, organosilanes, metal-organics, and specialty monomers for advanced technology end markets including medical devices, life sciences, microelectronics, and personal care. Gelest, Inc. helps customers succeed by assisting them to develop and supply the chemistry to solve their most challenging materials science problems and to enable their new product technology.

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