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RPM Signs Agreement to Acquire Leading Dutch Coatings Company

MEDINA, Ohio, Dec. 21, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- [RPM International Inc.](#) (NYSE: RPM) today announced that it has signed an agreement to acquire [SPS Group](#) (SPS), a Dutch decorative and specialty coatings company with annual net sales of approximately \$60 million. Located about an hour south of Amsterdam in 's-Hertogenbosch, the Netherlands, SPS will operate as part of RPM's [Rust-Oleum European business](#). Terms of the transaction were not disclosed. It is expected to be accretive to earnings within one year, excluding one-time costs.

SPS offers a complete line of topcoats for interior and exterior walls, primers, lacquers, floor and roof coatings, metal coatings, wood stains and finishes, plasters and more. Its major customers are large home center chains and builder merchants based in the Netherlands. Its products are used by painters, plasterers, industry and do-it-yourselfers.

"By leveraging the manufacturing and distribution strengths of SPS, we expect this acquisition to accelerate Rust-Oleum's growth in the Netherlands and other nearby European countries," stated Frank C. Sullivan, RPM chairman and chief executive officer. "It will also allow the existing customer base of SPS to benefit from Rust-Oleum technologies and innovations."

About RPM

RPM International Inc. owns subsidiaries that are world leaders in specialty coatings, sealants, building materials and related services across three segments. RPM's industrial products include roofing systems, sealants, corrosion control coatings, flooring coatings and other construction chemicals. Industrial companies include [Stonhard](#), [Tremco](#), [illbruck](#), [Carboline](#), [Flowcrete](#), [Euclid Chemical](#) and [RPM Belgium Vandex](#). RPM's consumer products are used by professionals and do-it-yourselfers for home maintenance and improvement and by hobbyists. Consumer brands include [Rust-Oleum](#), [DAP](#), [Zinsser](#), [Varathane](#) and [Testors](#). RPM's specialty products include industrial cleaners, colorants, exterior finishes, specialty OEM coatings, edible coatings,

restoration services equipment and specialty glazes for the pharmaceutical and food industries. Specialty segment companies include [Day-Glo](#), [Dryvit](#), [RPM Wood Finishes](#), [Mantrose-Haeuser](#), [Legend Brands](#), [Kop-Coat](#) and [TCI](#). Additional details can be found at www.rpminc.com and by following RPM on Twitter at www.twitter.com/RPMintl.

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This press release contains "forward-looking statements" relating to our business. These forward-looking statements, or other statements made by us, are made based on our expectations and beliefs concerning future events impacting us, and are subject to uncertainties and factors (including those specified below) which are difficult to predict and, in many instances, are beyond our control. As a result, our actual results could differ materially from those expressed in or implied by any such forward-looking statements. These uncertainties and factors include (a) global markets and general economic conditions, including uncertainties surrounding the volatility in financial markets, the availability of capital and the effect of changes in interest rates, and the viability of banks and other financial institutions; (b) the prices, supply and capacity of raw materials, including assorted pigments, resins, solvents and other natural gas- and oil-based materials; packaging, including plastic containers; and transportation services, including fuel surcharges; (c) continued growth in demand for our products; (d) legal, environmental and litigation risks inherent in our construction and chemicals businesses and risks related to the adequacy of our insurance coverage for such matters; (e) the effect of changes in interest rates; (f) the effect of fluctuations in currency exchange rates upon our foreign operations; (g) the effect of non-currency risks of investing in and conducting operations in foreign countries, including those relating to domestic and international political, social, economic and regulatory factors; (h) risks and uncertainties associated with our ongoing acquisition and divestiture activities; (i) risks related to the adequacy of our contingent liability reserves; and (j) other risks detailed in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the risk factors set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended May 31, 2016, as the same may be updated from time to time. We do not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect future events, information or circumstances that arise after the date of this release.

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About RPM

RPM International Inc. (NYSE: RPM) owns subsidiaries that are world leaders in coatings, sealants, building materials and related services. From homes to precious landmarks worldwide, their brands are trusted by consumers and professionals alike to protect, improve and beautify. Among its leading consumer brands include Rust-Oleum, DAP and Zinsser.

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