

Evonik Donates \$50,000 To Sanford–Springvale YMCA Capital Building Fund Contribution In Recognition Of Plant’s 50 Years of Manufacturing Excellence

SANFORD, Maine, July 19, 2011 – Evonik Cyro, one of Sanford’s largest and most respected manufacturers, is donating \$50,000 to the Sanford–Springvale Maine YMCA capital building fund in recognition of 50 years of manufacturing excellence at Evonik’s Sanford site.

In announcing the donation at a ceremony at Evonik Cyro’s plant at 1796 Main Street, Plant Manger Drew Scott noted that the Sanford–Springvale YMCA has a long history of providing programs and services that promote youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

“We are extremely happy to support the great work of the Sanford–Springvale YMCA,” said Scott. “We are proud to support the YMCA’s effort to make our community a healthier and more vibrant place to live.”

Andrew Orazio, CEO, Sanford–Springvale YMCA, said the organization was very excited about and grateful for the \$50,000 donation to support the YMCA’s expansion project. “This gift is a testament to a shared vision of enhancing the quality of life for all who live in Sanford–Springvale and the surrounding communities,” said Orazio. “We truly appreciate the generosity of Evonik Cyro and their support for the Y.”

The donation to the Sanford–Springvale YMCA was the highlight of Tuesday’s observance of Evonik Cyro’s manufacturing operations which began in 1961 when American Cyanamid purchased the Wasco plant in downtown Sanford and started to make cell cast sheet.

“Throughout the years, innovation and specialty products have remained our future in Sanford,” said Rolando. “While research and development is always important, people are key to all the successes we have enjoyed over the past half–century here. At Evonik Cyro, innovation is an interactive process. Thanks to our most valuable asset – our people – we accomplished some innovative ‘firsts’ at Sanford that are still benefiting us today.”

Scott also cited the Evonik Cyro family – both present and past – for the facility’s success through the years.

“The most important guests here today are our employees,” said Scott. “It is through their dedication, commitment and at times, Yankee ingenuity that we have evolved from making standard size cast sheets to the specialty products we produce today. They have made the company what it is today – a key manufacturer of specialty acrylic products.”

Among the more than 150 guests that attended the ceremony were Alan Walsh, Council Vice-Chairperson, Town of Sanford; Mark Green, Sanford Town Manager; Jame Nimon, Executive Director, Sanford Regional Economic Growth Council; and, Richard L. Stanley, President, Sanford/Springvale Chamber of Commerce.

Maine State Senator Jonathan Courtney and Maine State Representative Andrea M. Boland also attended.

YMCA Representatives included Andy Orazio, CEO, Merilee Perkins, Senior Program Director; Alden Thayer, President of the Board of Directors, and John Roux, Board of Directors.

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