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## **Harwick Standard Distribution related company acquires Western Reserve Chemical**



**Akron, OH (July 29, 2021)** – Harwick Standard Distribution announced today that a related entity has completed the acquisition of Western Reserve Chemical. At this point, the Western Reserve Chemical business will operate in parallel with Harwick Standard. The integration process will be mapped out over the coming months. Ron Anderson, President of Western Reserve, will continue to be involved in the business. Financial details of the transaction were not disclosed.

Ernie Pouttu, President of Harwick Standard, commented, “Ron Anderson has built a very strong business that will be complementary to Harwick Standard and our brand. This was a great opportunity to pair up two key suppliers in the rubber and plastics industries. Western Reserve Chemicals’ customer focused culture makes it a natural fit.”

Ron Anderson commented, “This was a great opportunity to work alongside a great company. Now with over 130 years of combined experience in chemical distribution between our two companies, we look forward to continuing great service to our customers.”

### **About Harwick Standard & Western Reserve**

Harwick Standard Distribution has serviced the rubber, thermoplastics and polymer-related industries for more than 85 years. They are a management-owned and operated sales, marketing, and technical support organization headquartered in Akron, Ohio. Harwick is ISO 9001:2015 registered, and operates a nationwide distribution network supplying world-class products to the rubber, plastic and adhesive markets. They are a proud member of the National Association of Chemical Distributors (NACD) and practice NACD's Responsible Distribution. Harwick’s technical sales team consists of 11 geographically based employees and company owned warehouses in Akron and Los Angeles areas augmented by multiple other leased warehouses. [www.harwick.com](http://www.harwick.com)

Western Reserve Chemical is a premier distributor of specialty chemicals and industrial intermediates to compounders and formulators. They provide a broad range of WESTCO brand chemicals including antioxidants, rubber accelerators, tackifiers, retarders, waxes, styrenated phenol and more. [www.wrchem.com](http://www.wrchem.com)

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