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$\ \, \textbf{MESSAGE REGARDING VCI/VpCI}^{TM} \ \, \textbf{TECHNOLOGY} \\$

<u>VCI (Volatile Corrosion Inhibitor)</u> is a very loosely used term. Recently, a joint venture was formed between a former Cortec[®] Licensee and a competitor in Chicago. The message they are spreading in the marketplace is that they are utilizing Cortec[®] Technology in their films. This is a false statement. Please don't be misled. We have tested their product and have issued a report for your review (http://www.cortecvci.com/Publications/Reports/reports.html).

Cortec[®] is truly a Volatile Corrosion Inhibitor or as we now have trademarked, a Vapor phase Corrosion Inhibitor (VpCITM). There are different facts that distinguish us from the rest of the "Pack" (competition).

First of all, sodium nitrite and sodium benzoate, two commonly used inhibitors in food preservation, are not Vapor phase Inhibitors, they are contact inhibitors. A great deal of sodium nitrite is used, especially in packaging to prevent corrosion and is effective under certain conditions for ferrous metals only. Sodium nitrite, at certain levels, has been identified by the EPA as a potential carcinogen in combination with secondary amines; and as having other detrimental effects on humans.

In the case of metals, only Cortec can prevent corrosion for multi-metals and provide safe, high technology products. Cortec molecules actually form a strong physical bond and are adsorbed onto the metal surface, which can physically displace moisture and other corrosive elements.

Of course, the competition knows a good thing when it sees one and will try to copy Cortec technology or pass off their products as being the same. Don't believe it!!! Cortec is the only true VCI/VpCITM and we have patents and trademarks to protect that, and our customers.

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