

# DSM Nutritional Products, Inc.

## Community Advisory Panel

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Chairman, White Twp. Planning Board

### CAP Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 23, 2007

#### In Attendance:

Bud Allen – Chairman AirQAP, Al Bennett – White Twp. Resident, Jim Brandl – Director DSM SHE-NA, Laurie Christine – Belvidere Office of Emergency Management, Bob Goldberg – Belvidere Resident, Sandy Goldberg – Belvidere Resident, Linda Griest – Sr. Compliance Advisor-DSM, Harold Halvorsen – Chairman Belvidere Planning Board, Malcolm Leslie – White Twp. Environmental Commission, Ernest Maso – White Twp. Resident, Councilwoman Marianne Meyer-Garcia – Belvidere Town Council, Lelia Pappas – Belvidere High School, Doug Smyth – Belvidere Environmental Commission, Wim Vorage – Site Director DSM, Stan Wilkins – Belvidere Resident, Dave Chouiniere – Acting Director & Technical Manager DSM, Barbara Furber – Administrative Assistant DSM.

#### Meeting Summary:

- Comments / Corrections to August 21, 2007 meeting minutes: Minutes are to stay as written. They will be posted to the CAP website.
- Food Safety Tour: Dave Chouiniere, Acting Director & Technical Manager – Custom Products Unit (CPU), provided a presentation of CPU to the CAP members. Dave gave an overview of CPU through a presentation of the area. Some points mentioned:
  - DSM's wide variety of customers who request custom solutions
  - DSM CPU has hundreds of formulations for its customers
  - DSM's certifications were reviewed
  - Nutraceuticals, which are recent, although not approved by FDA as a vitamin or drug; Nutraceuticals have proven to have therapeutic benefits. Customers are asking for more from DSM regarding preblends for their products.
  - Precautions DSM takes to protect people from adverse reactions was discussed.
  - How DSM sells blends to both large companies and small companies was reviewed. It was stated that DSM will make what its major customers request since most of the time, these major customers already have a portfolio and know what they want for their products. DSM will work with this customer to fill their request. On the other hand, smaller-sized companies may come to DSM without a portfolio and in that case DSM will offer advice or recommendations on vitamin quantities to achieve a desired result in a premix.. DSM does not create premixes alone for sale to customers.

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- DSM is in basic vitamins business which differentiates us from other blenders. In other words we can offer the customer a total solution from manufacture of the vitamin right through to the premix. This gives us total control over the supply chain and hence the quality.
- Dry Premix area overview was given to the CAP members.
- Liquid Premix Facility (LPF) – CAP members were told that DSM is the only vitamin company in the world doing what we do. We can make small or larger batches and get the exact results every time.
- Quality was discussed regarding raw materials coming to / leaving DSM.
- DSM's Compliance to all laws was discussed.
- The team was told that the FDA comes to DSM Belvidere annually to inspect LPF and these audits become public record.
- Dave Chouiniere then led the CAP members on a tour through building 265.
- One of the CAP members asked if DSM is involved in vitamin water and DSM stated that we are and that vitamin/mineral water is a growing business.

### Business Update

- W. Vorage gave a presentation / update of DSM's strategy.
- Highlights/updates through the presentation were provided.
- DSM will focus on certain clusters namely, health/wellness – Life Sciences & Material Specialties.
- Material specialties within DSM will focus on high end plastics.
- DSM's portfolio was discussed namely the 4 core clusters to the business.
- A project is ongoing to improve the Belvidere site and to do things better.
- The 3 pillars to the "Aspire to Win" were discussed.
- Peace of Mind event was reviewed and why DSM is hosting the event:
  - Customers need to be confident when they buy from DSM, all materials that go into DSM products are quality certified, including materials received from China. DSM requires all its facilities to follow high quality standards and customers can be assured that they receive quality material when they buy from DSM.
  - A key note speaker will be invited to DSM.
  - The date of the event is 11/15/07 and media, regulatory people, CAP members, etc. will be invited to the DSM Belvidere site to enjoy the event. *(Note: This meeting has now been cancelled due to scheduling problems and will be rescheduled in early 2008).*

- Possible date for the next CAP meeting: December 11 or December 18. CAP members will be polled for the date selection.
- One of the CAP team members asked if the environment is better since the Belvidere site is mostly a blending business and Vit C has stopped production.
  - It was stated that almost all the solvents used on site in large quantities are gone with the closure of Vit C, i.e. toluene, chloroform, acetone. The only remaining solvent on site used in large quantities is ethanol.
  - It was agreed by many that many of the environmental odors / smells are gone.
  - Also, coal fire boilers were shutdown recently by PPL.
- Cogen: A CAP member asked if the Cogen plant would start up again. J. Brandl stated it is not practical for DSM to start up the Cogen plant at this time, since with the departure of Vit C, went the large steam load. This could be restarted in the future if new processes came on site that use a large quantity of steam.
- CAP member asked if there would be more employment opportunities at DSM with the new businesses coming in. The answer was additional employment would be limited since many of the processes would be automated.
- Education background was questioned in regards to possible employment at DSM in the new areas: Engineering degrees, Technical background/experience, biotechnology, willingness to work shift; field specialists are some of the possible requirements that may be required.

#### Election of Chairperson

- Chairperson position will be voted on at the next CAP meeting.

#### Keeping the Community Informed

- Peace of Mind
- Consider having guest speakers at the local high school.

#### Fire Safety

- Smoke Detector pamphlets and batteries were given out to the CAP members as a reminder to change the batteries in the smoke alarms.

#### Miscellaneous

- CAP member asked who would be running the POM event and the answer was that our Marketing group would be involved along with outside firms they are hiring for this purpose.
- Next meeting: Election of Chairperson
- Peace of Mind Event – consider how to inform CAP members of the outcome of this event who are not able to attend.
- Food Safety – at the next CAP meeting, possibly the Head of Compliance may be available to discuss the role and responsibility of the Quality Control / Quality Assurance departments.