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Flying the Banner for Chemical Industry

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MIDDLESBROUGH Mayor Ray Mallon today (Thursday, September 27, 2007) helped a local company to celebrate new jobs and a multi-million pound investment created by the London Olympics!

MP Storage & Blending Ltd, who have been based at Middlesbrough's Deepwater Wharf for more than 30 years, have recently been acquired by national company, the Banner Chemicals Group, who have also relocated their solvent storage and distribution depot to Middlesbrough.

Banner's distribution base was in east London, but they had to find a new home when the two-acre site was acquired by the London Development Agency as part of the 2012 Olympics project.

The move has created a new solvent tank farm, with blending and filling operations. Banner have also acquired another three-acre site for a warehouse and distribution depot. 25 additional jobs have been created.

Mayor Mallon said: "Middlesbrough and the Tees Valley's economic base is expanding and becoming more diverse, but we should always remember the key role that the chemical industry continues to play in sustaining jobs and creating wealth.

"There's an unrivalled pool of expertise and experience in our region and I am delighted that

Banner have chosen to relocate important elements of their operation here. It is further proof that Middlesbrough is open for business.”

NEPIC - The North East Process Industry Cluster, a network of 300 companies involved in chemical processing – provided expert advice to facilitate the move.

Chairman of Banner Chemicals Group, Mottie Kessler, added: “The relocation has gone very well thanks to a great team effort by Banner staff, people at MP Storage & Blending and NEPIC. This is a major investment for the company and will lead to improved services for our customers and suppliers, as well as long term growth.”

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