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PQ Corporation Names Albert F. Beninati Jr. as President, Performance Chemicals

MALVERN, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- PQ Group Holdings Inc. (NYSE:PQG), a leading integrated and innovative global provider of specialty catalysts, materials, chemicals and services, announced today that Albert F. Beninati Jr. has joined PQ as President, Performance Chemicals, effective December 1.

A respected industry veteran, Mr. Beninati brings nearly three decades of global leadership experience in the industrial and chemicals sector, most recently as Business Segment President for W.R. Grace & Co.'s Specialty Catalyst business.

"I am confident that Al brings the right leadership to our Performance Chemicals group to build on PQ's strong foundations of safety, customer focus and operational excellence," said Belgacem Chariag, PQ President and Chief Executive Officer. "He is an exceptionally strong executive who has a history of successfully driving performance culture and results."

Prior to joining Grace in 2014, Mr. Beninati served as Vice President, Municipal Water Treatment at Univar, a leading distributor of chemicals and also had a 22-year career in a variety of positions with Nalco Chemical Company, a global supplier of water, energy, and air improvement solutions. Mr. Beninati began his career in the military, serving five years as an officer in the U.S. Army. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry/General Engineering from the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., and is a graduate of the Kellogg School of Management Advanced Executive Program.

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About PQ Group Holdings Inc.

PQ Group Holdings Inc. and subsidiaries is a leading integrated and innovative global provider of specialty catalysts, materials, chemicals and services. We support customers globally through our strategically located network of manufacturing facilities. We believe that our products, which are predominantly inorganic, and services contribute to improving the sustainability of the environment.

We have four uniquely positioned specialty businesses: **Refining Services** provides sulfuric

acid recycling to the North American refining industry; **Catalysts** serves the packaging and engineering plastics and the global refining, petrochemical and emissions control industries; **Performance Materials** produces transportation reflective safety markings for roads and airports; and **Performance Chemicals** supplies diverse product end uses, including personal and industrial cleaning products, fuel-efficient tires, surface coatings, and food and beverage products.

We serve over 4,000 customers globally across many end uses and operate over 70 manufacturing facilities which are strategically located across six continents. For more information, see our website at <https://www.pqcorp.com>.

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