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NEW OIL ABSORBING, C-sponge MANUFACTURED TO ASSIST WITH GULF COAST CLEANUP

Jenison, MI- Cellulose Material Solutions, LLC (CMS) has developed the C-sponge, an innovative fiber blanket with oil absorbing properties. The C-sponge can absorb up to 10x its weight in crude oil very quickly without absorbing water. Plus the oil has a potential to be reclaimed from the C-sponge.

Based in Jenison, MI, CMS is anticipating sending the eco-friendly material to the Gulf States. The C-sponge has the potential to be one of the most effective solutions administered yet in the Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill cleanup response.

Made from renewable and recycled fibers, the C-sponge can be applied directly on top of oil on the surface of the Gulf of Mexico. Unlike other sorbent products currently being used in the cleanup, virtually no oil leaks or drips from the C-sponge when it is removed from the surface. By simply applying the blankets to the water, the oil will be removed and will not have the potential to further hurt the environment and sea life of the region.

“The material’s fibers work like a sponge to absorb the oil and have the strength to hold a tremendous amount of oil,” said Valerie Henderson, Vice President of CMS.

The absorbed oil has the potential to be reclaimed, because of the type of fibers used to manufacture the C-sponge. The fibers do not contain chemicals; therefore, very little contamination would occur to the oil. This allows the oil to be reclaimed and reused. By reclaiming the oil from the C-sponge the spilled oil would not be a complete waste.

Since its beginning, CMS has pushed the envelope by developing green, innovative products. Primarily focused in the acoustical and thermal insulation industry, CMS also manufactures ECOCELL, industry first cellulose based insulation batts and blankets.

Located 1,100 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, CMS did not let the distance prevent them from working diligently to develop the C-sponge.

“When we saw the effects the oil spill was having on the environment in the Gulf of Mexico, the research and development team began working on a product that would assist with the cleanup,” said Henderson. “We knew the dense fibers of our products would be effective, but were pleasantly surprised by how well they worked to absorb the oil.”

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