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Avantor™ Performance Materials Chairman Rajiv Gupta to Present Keynote Address at Chemical Heritage Foundation Event January 12

Center Valley, PA – January 11, 2012 – Avantor Performance Materials Chairman and CEO Rajiv L. Gupta will deliver the keynote address at the Chemical Heritage Foundation's Joseph Priestley Society session on Thursday, January 12, 2012.

Mr. Gupta's address, *"Renewal and Transformation: The J.T.Baker/Avantor Story,"* will focus on the transformation and future of the 140-year-old company.

In addition to serving as chairman and CEO of Avantor, Mr. Gupta is also a senior adviser to Avantor's owner New Mountain Capital, LLC. In 2009 he concluded a 30-year career at Rohm and Haas and retired as chairman and CEO, when the company was acquired by Dow Chemical Company.

Mr. Gupta has chaired the American Chemistry Council and the Society of Chemical Industry, America Section, and was awarded the prestigious Chemical Industry Medal by the Society of Chemical Industry in 2007. He serves as a member of the boards of Tyco, The Vanguard Group, Hewlett-Packard Company, Delphi Automotive, SymphonyIRI Group, and Stroz Friedberg Inc.

The Joseph Priestley Society (JPS) of the Chemical Heritage Foundation promotes a deeper understanding of science, technology, and industry, with an emphasis on innovation and entrepreneurship. Speakers are leaders from a wide variety of large and small chemical companies and the financial, consulting, and academic communities. Sessions are held at the Foundation's headquarters in Philadelphia. For more information about the Foundation and its activities, visit their Website at www.chemheritage.org

About Avantor™ Performance Materials
Based in Center Valley, PA (USA), Avantor Performance Materials manufactures and markets high-performance chemistries and materials around the world under several respected brand names, including the J.T.Baker®, Macron Fine Chemicals™, Rankem™, BeneSphera™, and POCH™ brands.

Avantor products are used in a wide range of industries. Our biomedical and life science solutions are used in academic, industry and quality control laboratories for research, pharmaceutical production and medical lab testing, while our electronics solutions are used in the manufacturing of semiconductors, photovoltaic cells and flat panel displays. For additional information please visit www.avantormaterials.com or follow www.twitter.com/avantor_news.

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