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## **HERCULES INCORPORATED FORMS JOINT VENTURE WITH HEARTLAND RESOURCE TECHNOLOGIES**

**Wilmington, DE**—Gates and Company is pleased to announce that its client, Hercules Incorporated of Wilmington, DE, has formed a research and development venture with Heartland Resource Technologies, LLC, creating a new venture called H2H Innovations. The new venture will focus on leveraging existing soy-based adhesive technologies from both companies to accelerate the development of new adhesive products for the wood products industry.

Gates and Company served as an advisor to Hercules in this transaction. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

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Hercules manufactures and markets chemical specialties globally for making a variety of products for home, office and industrial markets. For more information, visit the company's website at [www.herc.com](http://www.herc.com).

Located in Pasadena, CA, Heartland Resource Technologies develops and markets low cost soy-based adhesive products used in the manufacturing of engineered wood products. For more information, visit the company's website at [www.heartlandresource.com](http://www.heartlandresource.com).

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