



**VIRGINIA'S GATEWAY REGION**  
*Economic Development Organization*

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**BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM CHEMICALS, INC. LAUNCHES \$142 MILLION EXPANSION**

**– Petersburg Company's Expansion Will Create 100 New Jobs –**

**PETERSBURG, VA** – On Friday, October 20, 2006, Boehringer Ingelheim Chemicals, Inc. will host a Cornerstone / Groundbreaking Event at their Petersburg facility. The event celebrates the construction of new state-of-the-art production and laboratory facilities, which will increase BI Chemicals' manufacturing capacity by 50 percent and lead to the creation of more than 100 new jobs. Construction of the S-5 Production facility is scheduled to be completed by early 2009.

**WHAT:** CORNERSTONE / GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

**WHERE:** BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM – PETERSBURG, VA  
Take I-95 South to Wagner Road (Exit 48A);  
At first stoplight, turn left onto Normandy Drive;  
Turn left at the third entrance  
Proceed to the security station

**WHEN:** OCTOBER 20, 2006  
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM Guest Arrival  
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM Ceremony  
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Lunch  
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Guided Tour

**ABOUT BI:** As a member of the Boehringer Ingelheim group of companies – one of the top 20 pharmaceutical companies in the world – the work Boehringer Ingelheim Chemicals, Inc. does in Petersburg has international reach. Together with nearly 37,000 employees worldwide, BI Chemicals continues to research, develop, produce and distribute life enhancing healthcare products for patients around the world. For more about BI Chemicals visit [www.bichemicals.com](http://www.bichemicals.com).

**ABOUT VGR:** Virginia's Gateway Region exists to enhance the economic development opportunities for the cities of Colonial Heights, Hopewell and Petersburg, and the counties of Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Prince George, Surry and Sussex. The Gateway Region is a private, nonprofit economic development organization that is publicly and privately funded to facilitate new business opportunities, work with existing businesses, advance resources that will enhance the economic viability of the region and foster regional cooperation among the public and private entities that are involved in economic development activities. For more about VGR visit [www.gatewayregion.com](http://www.gatewayregion.com).

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