

## **North American Salt Company Announces EPA Recognition of Ice Melt Product**

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OVERLAND PARK, Kan.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Mar. 7, 2012-- North American Salt Company, a subsidiary of Compass Minerals (NYSE: CMP), today announced the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has awarded the Design for the Environment (DfE) label to one of the company's consumer ice melter products.

Safe Step<sup>®</sup> Power 6300<sup>®</sup> Enviro-Blend<sup>®</sup> ice melter now will carry the DfE label, indicating that the product meets the EPA's criteria for environmental safety.

"The EPA has extremely stringent guidelines for the products that are awarded the DfE label," said Jerry Bucan, vice president and general manager of NASC's consumer and industrial business. "We're pleased that the agency recognized Power 6300 Enviro-Blend for its low environmental impact and eco-friendly formula. This designation also gives assurances to our customers looking for an ice melter product that is on the green end of the environment spectrum."

The EPA's DfE label is awarded after the agency's review team has screened each ingredient contained in a product and found each to pose the least concern among similar products in its class.

Safe Step is a leading ice melter brand for residential use. The Power 6300 Enviro-Blend is a low-toxicity formulation that has fewer chlorides, is less corrosive and helps prevent refreezing up to two and one-half times longer than conventional ice melters. It melts ice in temperatures as low as minus 10 degrees Fahrenheit.

This is the second ice melter product from NASC's consumer and industrial business to receive this designation. Safe Step Pro Series<sup>®</sup> 960 Choice Formula, made for building maintenance and landscape professionals, also carries the DfE label.

### **About North American Salt Company**

North American Salt Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Compass Minerals, sells salt and other minerals to customers throughout the United States. The company's products include mined rock salt for highway and consumer deicing, and high-grade branded and private label mineral products for consumer and industrial use. For more information, visit [www.nasalt.com](http://www.nasalt.com).

### **About Compass Minerals**

Based in the Kansas City metropolitan area, Compass Minerals is a leading producer of minerals, including salt, sulfate of potash specialty fertilizer and magnesium chloride. The company provides highway deicing salt to customers in North America and the United Kingdom and specialty fertilizers to growers worldwide. Compass Minerals also produces consumer deicing and water conditioning products, ingredients used in consumer and commercial foods, and other mineral-based products for consumer, agricultural and industrial applications. Compass Minerals also provides records management services to businesses throughout the U.K. For more information, visit [www.compassminerals.com](http://www.compassminerals.com).

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