



Johnson Matthey

Centennial of Incorporation

1909 – 2009

On June 30, 2009 Johnson Matthey Inc. reached a noteworthy milestone in attaining the 100th anniversary of its incorporation. JMI was first incorporated in Pennsylvania on June 30, 1909. However, its origins actually go back to 1842 when Joaquim Bishop, a machinist, instrument maker and platinum refiner of English descent who developed his skills under Dr Hare at the University of Pennsylvania, founded a business named *J. Bishop & Co Platinum Works* in Philadelphia. In 1845 Mr. Bishop received the prestigious Premium Award at the Exhibition of the Franklin Institute for his work in platinum. In 1858 the business moved to Chester County, Pennsylvania where its melting, refining, machining, laboratory and platinum works operations thrived.

Joaquim Bishop died at age 80 in 1886 and the business was continued by his grandson, Joaquim Bishop Matlack. After a disastrous fire in 1903, the operations were moved to Malvern, not far from where the West Whiteland, Devon and North America corporate facilities are located today.

The business was incorporated on June 30, 1909 as J. Bishop & Co. Platinum Works. In 1927 Johnson Matthey acquired a small interest in the company in order to establish a distribution relationship, and by 1933 Johnson Matthey held the majority interest. The company's name was changed to Matthey Bishop, Inc. in 1967 and in 1980 changed to its present name, Johnson Matthey Inc.

Today, Johnson Matthey Inc. is the principal operating company of the Johnson Matthey Group in the US with operations in many states ranging from Emission Control Technologies, Platinum Marketing and Distribution, Noble Metals, Colour Technologies, Catalysts Chemicals and Refining, and Pharmaceutical Materials & Services.

Honorable Jim Gerlach issued a Congressional Record from the US House of Representatives, Washington, DC in recognition of JMI's 100th anniversary and noted "Johnson Matthey has continued to develop its technology, demonstrating the company's ability to maintain world leadership by adapting constantly to rapidly changing customer needs. While adhering to rigorous environmental standards itself, Johnson Matthey products have contributed greatly to a cleaner environment and have enhanced the quality of life for millions of people around the world."

Similarly, the Governor of Pennsylvania, Edward G. Rendell, issued a proclamation congratulating JMI on its milestone and noting that it "has continued to develop its technology over the years, demonstrating the company's ability to maintain leadership in the development of new technologies for the rapidly changing needs of customers around the globe. The company is also committed to environmental stewardship, something that is further proven by the beneficial impact that its products have had on the environment while enhancing the quality of life for millions of people around the world."

- Robert M. Talley
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