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FMC CEO buys \$1 million of FMC stock

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PHILADELPHIA — On the heels of the first drop in soda ash production in five years, the CEO of FMC Corp., Wyoming's second-largest trona operation, has purchased \$1 million in company stock.

Pierre Brondeau, FMC president and chief executive officer, said, "This purchase underscores the confidence I have in FMC's future. We have a well-defined strategy for profitable growth and an attractive portfolio of businesses. These factors, when coupled with our strong financial position, will enable us to generate consistent earnings growth and deliver increasing value to our shareholders."

Soda ash, or trona, is part of FMC Corporation's industrial chemicals operation, which declined 16 percent in the fourth quarter of 2009 compared to the same period last year. FMC also has businesses in agricultural products and specialty chemicals, which were up 12 percent and 2 percent in the last quarter.