



News Release

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RTP Company and Solvay Advanced Polymers Enter Into Global Trademark Agreement

Winona, Minn., USA – January 30, 2008 – Specialty compounder, RTP Company, announced that it has entered into a trademark agreement with Solvay Advanced Polymers, LLC, makers of more plastics with more performance than any other supplier in the world. Under the agreement, RTP Company will compound and market precolored Radel[®] R polyphenylsulfone (PPSU) and Udel[®] Polysulfone (PSU) resins globally using the Solvay trademarks.

“We are very excited about adding Radel R and Udel precolored resin to our product portfolio,” said Josh Blackmore, Global Market Manager–Healthcare. “The agreement means that customers worldwide who want small and medium sized lots of precolored Radel R PPSU and Udel PSU compounds will be able to get them very quickly from RTP Company, initially in North America and Europe, and in Asia by June of this year.”

“Radel R PPSU is one of the most recognizable brand names in the healthcare industry particularly in orthopedics,” continued Blackmore. “It’s a market that is expected to have strong growth for the foreseeable future in part due to an aging global population. OEMs and processors developing medical devices can select from a palette of 10 standard colors that have been through biocompatibility testing or have RTP Company create a custom matched color. We provide a statement of biocompatibility for products made with these colorants. In addition, we have matched Solvay’s standard colors which can be ordered immediately in quantities as low as 220 pounds.”

Radel R PPSU is an amorphous resin which combines excellent thermal stability, high strength and toughness, excellent hydrolytic stability, transparency and good resistance to environmental stress cracking explained Blackmore.

For more information, contact RTP Company at 507-454-6900 or 800-433-4787, or

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For more information about Solvay Advanced Polymers, please visit
www.solvayadvancedpolymers.com.

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About RTP Company

RTP Company, headquartered in Winona, Minnesota, is a global leader in specialty thermoplastic compounding. The company has eight manufacturing plants on three continents, plus sales representatives throughout North America, Europe, and Asia/Pacific. RTP Company's engineers develop custom compounds in over 60 different engineering resin systems for applications requiring color, conductive, elastomeric, flame retardant, high temperature, shielding, structural, and wear resistant properties.

About Solvay Advanced Polymers

Solvay Advanced Polymers produces more plastics with more performance than any other company in the world. This gives design engineers worldwide more ways to solve top design challenges in automotive, medical, electronics, aerospace and other demanding industries. Learn more at www.solvayadvancedpolymers.com.

Solvay is an international chemical and pharmaceutical Group with headquarters in Brussels. Its companies employ some 29,000 people in 50 countries. In 2006, its consolidated sales amounted to EUR 9.4 billion, generated by its three sectors of activity: Plastics, Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals. Solvay (Euronext : SOLB.BE - Bloomberg: SOLB.BB - Reuters: SOLBt.BR) is listed on the Euronext stock exchange in Brussels. Details are available at www.solvay.com.