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## PTT Poly Canada Inc. Chooses Therminol Heat Transfer Fluid for World's First Commercial PTT Thermoplastics Plant

### Selection Bolsters Therminol's Position as Top Choice of North American Synthetic Fiber Industry

ST. LOUIS, April 30 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Solutia Inc. (OTC Bulletin Board: SOLUQ) today announced that PTT Poly Canada Inc. has selected Solutia's Therminol heat transfer fluid for use in its plant in Montreal. The \$100 million facility is the world's first large-scale continuous plant to commercially produce polytrimethylene terephthalate (PTT) thermoplastic, and will use proprietary technology provided by Shell Chemicals and Zimmer AG. The facility will rely upon Therminol 66 and Therminol VP-1 heat transfer fluids to meet demanding high-temperature requirements, both in a liquid-phase and vapor-phase operating environment.

"As the world's first commercial PTT plant, we have very high expectations," said Pierre Levesque, process chemist, PTT Poly Canada Inc. "This is why we selected Therminol, which has met the demands of the synthetic fiber and thermoplastics industry for more than 40 years. With this track record of exceptional performance and technical support, we are confident of a successful startup and smooth operation for many years to come."

In an era when capital investment in the North American synthetic fiber chain is closely scrutinized, Therminol continues to be the industry's preferred choice for operating high-performance systems. In fact, Interquisa Canada also selected Therminol for its Montreal plant, which began production in mid 2003. The facility has an annual capacity of 500,000 tons of purified terephthalic acid (PTA), a key feedstock for PTT Poly Canada's plant.

Dale Kline, global business director, Specialty Fluids, Solutia Inc., added, "Therminol 66 has earned the unique position as the synthetic fiber industry's fluid of choice. Customers place their trust in us because we provide a proven track record that far surpasses that of less-proven fluids. Although we have earned this privileged position, we are committed to continuing to provide our customers with the best technical and commercial support in our industry."

Solutia is the world leader in synthetic heat transfer fluids, providing more than 40 years of excellence in technical support, customer service, performance and innovation. For more information on Therminol, call 1-800- 426-2463, visit <http://www.therminol.com> or send a request on company letterhead to Solutia Inc., Therminol-3S, P.O. Box 66760, St. Louis, Missouri, 63166, USA.

Notes to Editor:

-- Therminol is a registered trademark of Solutia Inc.

-- A photo of the PTT Poly Canada facility is available by sending an email request to [djjenk@solutia.com](mailto:djjenk@solutia.com) .

About Solutia Inc.

Solutia ( <http://www.solutia.com> ) uses world-class skills in applied chemistry to create value-added solutions for customers, whose products improve the lives of consumers every day. Solutia is a world leader in performance films, producing Saflex(R) and Vanceva(TM) brand polyvinyl butyral interlayers for laminated glass in automotive, architectural and residential applications. Solutia is also a leader in process development and scale-up services for pharmaceutical fine chemicals; specialties such as water treatment chemicals, heat transfer fluids and aviation hydraulic fluid; and an integrated family of nylon products including high-performance polymers and fibers, such as Wear-Dated(R) and Ultron(R) for residential and commercial carpet fibers.

About PTT Poly Canada

PTT Poly Canada Inc. is a 50/50 joint venture between Shell Chemicals Canada and SGF Chimie, a subsidiary of Societe Generale de Financement du Quebec (SGF). Its plant, located in Montreal, produces up to 95,000 tons of polytrimethylene terephthalate (PTT) per year. It is the world's first commercial PTT plant, which uses proprietary technology developed by Shell Chemicals and Zimmer AG. PTT, sold under the trade name Corterra(R), is a thermoplastic that can be processed into fiber or thread for the plastic or textile market.

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