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Beisert Appointed General Manager of HSSE

Houston, Texas – (March 31, 2008) – Stan Beisert has been appointed General Manager of Health, Safety, Security and Environment, according to Total Petrochemicals USA, Inc. President and CEO Bernard Claude.

For the last three years, Beisert was plant manager at the company's Bayport Polyethylene Plant.

Beisert joined the company in 1985 as an engineer in the Big Spring, Texas refinery and later transferred to the La Porte Research and Technology Center. In 1990, he moved to the La Porte Polypropylene Plant where he served as an engineer and then as a superintendent in the Operations and Safety Groups. He became the technical manager at Bayport in 2000 and then operations manager in 2002. He became plant manager in 2005.

Beisert graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in Chemical Engineering in 1985.

Beisert and his wife, Maria, live in Friendswood. They have two sons, 15-year-old Austin and 12-year-old Travis.

Total Petrochemicals USA, Inc., which employs more than 1,600 people in the U.S., is headquartered in Houston and produces polypropylene, polyethylene, polystyrene, styrene, base chemicals and transportation fuels. The company has manufacturing facilities in Texas and Louisiana as well as a research and development facility in La Porte and a refinery in Port Arthur.

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