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## DeKunder Named Product Manager – Polyethylene

Houston, Texas – (February 6, 2006) – Total Petrochemicals USA, Inc. announced today that Greg DeKunder has been named product manager – polyethylene.

DeKunder joined the company in 1993 and has held various positions at the Research and Technology Center prior to moving to the corporate office in 2003.

He holds a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin and has a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Houston.

DeKunder and his wife Staci, and their two daughters live in Pearland, Texas.

Total Petrochemicals USA, Inc. is headquartered in Houston and produces polypropylene, polyethylene, polystyrene, styrene, base chemicals and transportation fuels. With sales of \$7.47 billion in 2004, the company employs about 1,600 people in the U.S. and has manufacturing facilities in Texas and Louisiana as well as a research and technology facility in La Porte, Texas and a refinery in Port Arthur, Texas.

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Total Petrochemicals encompasses petrochemicals activities of Total, the fourth largest oil company worldwide. Its business includes base petrochemicals from steam crackers and certain refinery processing plants – olefins (ethylene, propylene), C<sub>4</sub> fractions and aromatics (benzene, toluene, xylenes and styrene) – as well as the commodity polymers they derived from (polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene and elastomers). Total Petrochemicals employs 7,500 people in Europe, the United States, the Middle East and Asia. Its products are used in many consumer and industrial markets, including Packaging, Construction and Automotive.