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Kelly Appointed Manager of Bayport Polyethylene Plant

Houston, Texas – (April 8, 2008) – Total Petrochemicals USA, Inc. announced today that Keith Kelly has been appointed plant manager at the company's Bayport Polyethylene Plant.

For the last three years, Kelly was operations manager at the Bayport plant.

Kelly joined the company in 1991 as a production engineer at the Carville, Louisiana polystyrene plant. In 1993, he became a maintenance engineer at the plant, and then in 1995 he became a production engineer at the adjacent styrene monomer facility. Kelly transferred to the Bayport plant in 1997 as technical manager and became maintenance manager in 1999.

Kelly graduated from Michigan Technological University with a degree in Chemical Engineering.

Kelly and his wife, Amy, live in Clear Lake where Amy is a pharmacist technician. They have twin 12-year-old daughters, Hannah and Katrina.

The Bayport Polyethylene Plant has an annual capacity of 900 million pounds per year. Polyethylene is a plastic used in such everyday items as milk bottles, detergent containers, grocery sacks, crates, automotive fuel tanks, and pipe.

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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