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Total Petrochemicals USA, Inc. announces formation of Polyolefins Business Unit

Houston, Texas – (January 16, 2008) – Total Petrochemicals USA, Inc. (TPI) combined its Polyethylene and Polypropylene Business Units into a new Polyolefins Business Unit effective January 1, 2008.

“Operating these two key businesses under one banner gives us greater flexibility in meeting the market needs,” said Total Petrochemicals USA President and CEO Bernard Claude. “Combining our polypropylene and polyethylene operations into a single Polyolefins Business Unit more closely aligns us with Total Petrochemicals international business.”

Bill Campbell, currently TPI’s vice president of Polyethylene, will become TPI’s vice president of Polyolefins. Scott McEwen, currently vice president of Polypropylene, will become executive vice president and joint representative director of Samsung Total Petrochemicals Co. Ltd., effective February 1, 2008.

TPI owns and operates a 900 million pound per year high-density polyethylene (HDPE) plant in Bayport, Texas. HDPE is typically sold in pellet form and is a plastic used in everyday items such as milk bottles, detergent containers, grocery sacks, crates, automotive fuel tanks, pipe, crates, totes, garbage bags, panels, and bottles.

TPI owns and operates a 2.35 billion pound per year polypropylene facility in La Porte, Texas, which is the world’s largest polypropylene facility. Polypropylene is a plastic used in food packaging, tapes, carpet yarns, absorbent products, small appliances, outdoor furniture, and toys.



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), C₄ 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.

Bill Campbell

Bill Campbell became TPI's vice president of Polyethylene in 2003. Prior to this he was the company's vice president of Accounting and chief financial officer. He joined the company in 1988 and has served in various management positions in Accounting and has had an overseas assignment in Brussels, Belgium before he returned to the United States in 1998. He is a 1985 graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Accounting.

Scott McEwen

Scott McEwen became TPI's vice president of Polypropylene in 2002 after a two-year overseas assignment as Director General of FM Technologies in Feluy, Belgium. He joined the company full-time in 1978 as a process engineer at the Big Spring, Texas, refinery and has held various management positions in Petrochemicals. He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin as a Chemical Engineer in 1978.

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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