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**Lucite International Assumes Operation of DuPont's
Beaumont, Texas Acrylonitrile Facility**

*Lucite to Invest in the Facility
and Gain Access to DuPont's HCN Technology*

Cordova, TN--- September 20, 2005--- Lucite International, the world's largest producer of methacrylates, today announced it has entered into an agreement with DuPont to operate the company's Acrylonitrile (AN) and Site Services facilities in Beaumont, Texas. As part of the agreement, Lucite will also invest in expanding the Hydrogen Cyanide (HCN) capabilities at the Beaumont facility. By expanding HCN production in Beaumont, Lucite will also be able to reduce expenses associated with shipping HCN from Lucite's Memphis facility to the facility in Beaumont.

"This move clearly represents a win/win situation for both companies," said Jeff Davis, president, Lucite International, Inc. "This agreement will allow Lucite to enhance its competitive position in the U.S. market by improving efficiencies while at the same time allowing DuPont to continue to service its customer base. We look forward to a successful relationship under this new agreement."

The parties anticipate that Lucite will take over operations October 31, 2005. Financial terms were not disclosed. Under the agreement, Lucite International will employ most of the employees currently working in the Acrylonitrile and Sites Services units of the Beaumont facility.

About Methacrylates, AN, and HCN

Methacrylates are the foundation for a wide range of acrylic products and are used in applications from coatings, appliances, electronics, adhesives, corporate imaging, through to baths, spas, kitchen work surfaces and construction.

Acrylic combines the unique properties of durability, weatherability, UV and scratch resistance with benefits such as light performance, optical clarity, shape and form, and color flexibility.

The Acrylonitrile (AN) process generates HCN, or hydrogen cyanide, as a by product which is a building block in the production of Methacrylates.

About Lucite International

Lucite International, owner of the world renowned Lucite® and Perspex™ brands and a leader in the innovation, design and manufacture of acrylic based products, is a global manufacturer and marketer of Methacrylates – the main building block of acrylic, which it either sells direct as monomer or transforms into acrylic-based products made under three further product groupings: specialties, resins and polymer and sheet and composite materials. Customers convert these into a diverse range of consumer, architectural, high-tech and medical products. Lucite is the world's leading supplier of Methyl Methacrylate, with around 25% of the world market by volume and the capacity to produce 1.9 billion lbs (850 ktes) per annum of acrylic products. The Company has an annual turnover of over \$1.4 billion and employs a workforce of 2100 people serving customers in more than 100 countries worldwide. Lucite International is headquartered in Southampton, UK The Americas region headquarters is located in Cordova, TN, a suburb of Memphis.

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