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Dear Valued Customer:

As has been our practice, Lucite International continues to communicate pertinent information regarding the global Methyl Methacrylate (MMA) marketplace to our customers. These market updates are offered by Lucite International, Inc. to assist you in your business preparation and planning.

Our economy experienced a brief period of economic slowdown early this year that most publications referred to as a "soft patch" or "pause" in our economy. However, most economists today are reporting steady economic growth and believe the underlying fundamentals of our economy are robust. Within the methacrylate market, the soft patch experienced early in the year appears to have ended as April and May demand has returned to 2004 levels or better in some instances. A portion of the demand increase is attributable to the paint season which now appears to have overcome the effects of a long wet winter. The timing of the "soft patch", just ahead of the major maintenance turnarounds of the two largest U.S. MMA producers, helped to level inventories and assured uninterrupted supply to the market. These two turnarounds removed approximately 70MM lbs of MMA production from the U.S. market that was otherwise available in 2004. In Europe, MMA maintenance turnarounds in Germany and Spain along with some unscheduled production difficulties experienced at the MMA plant in the UK are limiting inventory build in that region. In Asia, Lucite's MMA facility in China has begun production, but has not yet realized capacity rates at this stage of the start-up. Asian producers have begun their annually scheduled shut downs with the majority of the major shut downs taking place in Q3.

General customer sentiment in the U.S. is that the second half demand picture will keep pace with an economy growing at ~3.5%. Asia continues to be the largest consuming MMA region. Demand for MMA in Asia into the LCD segment alone is expected to grow by ~60MM lbs in 2005. Other MMA consuming segments in Asia like transparent ABS, Styrene/ MMA and Acrylic Solid Surface are also expected to continue growing. The Global MMA balance is expected to begin tightening again in Q3 2005 as seasonal demand and economic growth increase while supply becomes constrained by the numerous plant turnarounds around the globe.

The U.S. acetone market experienced lower demand in Q2 on the back of the two major MMA plant shutdowns which removed ~50MM lbs of demand from the market. Acetone producers have seen some cost relief from propylene and benzene thus far in 2005. Propylene prices are expected to stop falling before mid-year unless there is a significant change in oil pricing. Propylene supply is expected to tighten as lower market prices discourage imports and the impact of production slowdowns are felt. We

mention this information on Propylene as it is a historical indicator of Acetone price movement.

While the price for Acetone has fallen 4¼ ¢/lb. across 1H 05, it remains 117% above the historical average. Methanol and Ammonia prices have increased during the first half of 2005 partially offsetting the benefit received from Acetone.

The following are some examples of published public information regarding Methyl Methacrylate and the overall economy:

Chemical Publications -

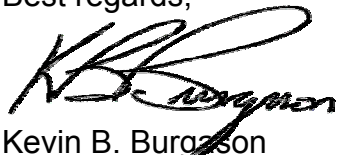
- In Asia, Kuraray will soon shut down its MMA assets (~185MM lbs/yr) for 3-4 weeks and Thai MMA (~200MM lbs/yr) will soon take a brief 10 day shut down. *ICIS-LOR*
- In Europe, Two MMA plants in Germany and one MMA plant in Spain will be shut down from 2-4 weeks. *ICIS-LOR*
- In the U.S., The market was characterized as sluggish for the first four months of the year but the stronger activity seen in May is expected to continue into Q3. *ICIS-LOR*
- In the U.S., "Sources indicated that market tightness reported early in the year had eased and that MMA was presently readily available."
- In the U.S., "Acetone demand should be back to contract levels in Q3 after two major methyl methacrylate production plants ended scheduled maintenance turnarounds, said a key acetone manufacturer." *ICIS-LOR*

Macroeconomic Indicators -

- The overall economy grew for the 43rd consecutive month in a row with the manufacturing sector seeing growth for the 24th consecutive month in a row (May). – *Institute of Supply Management*.
- The U.S. economy is expected to grow faster in the second half of the year moving from a 3.3% GDP rate to 3.6%. – *Reuters*
- "Economic growth is steady, it is strong and our economy's fundamentals are robust." – (U.S. Treasury Secretary John Snow) *Associated Free Press*
- "The bounce back (Consumer Confidence) comes as the economy, which hit a rough patch in the early spring, is now moving along at a solid pace despite high energy prices. – *Associated Free Press*

As the largest global and domestic supplier of MMA to the merchant market, Lucite International will continue to provide you information on the changing conditions affecting this industry. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your Account Manager.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin B. Burgason".

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