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GLS AIMS FOR NPE 2003 “TRIPLE CROWN” WITH 3 NEW DIVERSE TPE PRODUCTS

Company Offerings Can Be Viewed, Explained at Booth 4161, No. Hall, Level 3

McHENRY, IL – GLS Corporation, a leader in TPE innovations, especially “soft touch” thermoplastic elastomers, is approaching the National Plastics Exposition 2003 with as many as 3 distinctly different and diverse new product introductions. GLS TPEs are known for their ability to impart a soft grip and rubbery feel in thousands of consumer goods. The new TPEs are:

- New from the GLS/DSM alliance/technical joint venture to develop and sell VERSALLOY® thermoplastic vulcanizate alloys: the new VERSALLOY 8000 alloys will be available in a range from 45 to 70 Shore A. This new line offers a balance of high performance and excellent processability in one TPE alloy, at a competitive price. The product line provides processors and end products with:
 - good tear and tensile properties
 - better colorability
 - excellent flow
 - good heat resistance (up to 125° C)
 - very good oil resistance
 - isotropic shrinkage

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- Super-soft 30 Shore 00 VERSAFLEX® CL2003 thermoplastic elastomers, one of the softest commercially available TPEs on the marketplace today, will be highlighted at NPE. This super-soft, water-clear, non-tacky and non-oil free TPE is one of the latest developments at GLS Corporation. The product has been engineered to meet the need for very soft applications, like gel inserts for bicycle saddles, shoe sole inserts, furniture arm rests, handles for brushes, personal care products and grips for athletic equipment, to name a just few consumer uses.
- The next generation high-performance rubberized thermoplastic urethane TPE alloy currently on the market, and sold under the VERSOLLAN™ TPU elastomer alloy name, is now available in the softest grade in the industry – 45 Shore A. Made with specialty thermoplastic polyurethanes from BASF Corporation, the newly expanded line of VERSOLLAN alloy compounds are targeted for demanding applications like soft and grippy handles, grips on hand and power tools, lawn and garden equipment, tractors, sports equipment and rigorous applications calling for a balance of high friction plus impact resistant surfaces.

GLS Corporation has supplied elastomeric raw materials to the industry since 1979. The company has produced application-specific, custom TPE compounds since 1984. In the year 2001, the firm formed a strategic alliance with TPR manufacturer DSM. Later, in 2002, GLS entered into another alliance with GE Plastics to market a new line of Softf^x™ hard engineering resin/soft TPE overmold combinations. And, in the Fall of 2002, they formed an agreement with BASF Corporation to market specialty rubberized TPU alloys to be sold under the GLS Corporation VERSOLLAN™ trade name. Other GLS products offered for molding and extrusion include KRATON® thermoplastic rubber compounds; DYNAFLEX® thermoplastic elastomer compounds; VERSAFLEX® TPE alloys, and new generation VERSALLOY®

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elastomer alloys, which exhibit enhanced performance properties. Applications for these materials are found in medical, sports and leisure, automotive, lawn and garden, appliance, kitchen tool, power tool, personal care and industrial markets, among others.

For more information on the firm's newest TPE and TPU alloy offerings or the company's other lines of versatile TPEs, contact: Marketing Department, GLS Corporation, 833 Ridgeview Drive, McHenry, IL 60050-7050. Telephone: (815) 385-8500 or (800) 457-8777.

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