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**GLS CORPORATION
TPE DIVISION EARNS DUAL ISO CERTIFICATION,
ONE FOR 9001:2000, ANOTHER FOR ISO 14001:1996**

McHENRY, IL – The Thermoplastic Elastomers Division of GLS Corporation has been awarded two ISO certifications.

- ISEN ISO 9001:2000 by NSAI*, from their 1994 standard under which GLS was originally registered, and
- ISO 14001:1996, also by NSAI*

ISO certification requires a company to conduct business while meeting operational and quality control standards. This award signifies that GLS has met rigorous quality and documentation standards. ISO certification means that GLS customers worldwide are assured that the highest quality standards were used in the development of GLS thermoplastic elastomers (TPEs). Thus, a manufacturer can confidently apply GLS TPEs in medical, sports and leisure, automotive, lawn and garden, appliance, kitchen tool, power tool, personal care and other industrial products with the knowledge that these TPEs were manufactured using the highest quality standards.

GLS Corporation is a pioneer in thermoplastic elastomers, having supplied elastomeric raw materials to numerous industries since 1979 and application-specific, custom TPE compounds since 1984. GLS spokesmen note that this most recent certification demonstrates the company's ongoing commitment to continuous improvement, the environment, and the highest quality and consistency standards in the industry today.

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Additionally, GLS Corporation achieved a major milestone in environmental protection when the company received certification to the ISO-14001 international standard for Environmental Management

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Systems (EMS). ISO-14001 is an accredited, third party verification that GLS Corporation meets the requirements of the international standard, which include a demonstrated commitment to environmental stewardship. As more and more companies search for suppliers whose environmental record is quantifiable and easily verified, GLS Corporation has positioned itself as the supplier of choice for those wanting or requiring an environmentally sound TPE partner.

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 Softfx™ hard engineering resin/soft TPE overmold combinations. And, in the Fall of 2002, they developed a series of specialty rubberized TPU alloys to be sold under the 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® 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.

GLS products for molding and extrusion include KRATON® thermoplastic rubber compounds; DYNAFLEX® thermoplastic elastomer compounds; VERSAFLEX® TPE alloys; and new generation VERSALLOY® elastomer alloys as well as VERSOLLAN™ specialty rubberized TPU alloys.

Information on the diverse lines of GLS TPE products may be obtained by contacting: Marketing Department, GLS Corporation, 833 Ridgeview Drive, McHenry, IL 60050-7050.

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