



## **GLS CORPORATION'S DIRECTOR OF R&D AWARDED SOCIETY OF PLASTICS ENGINEERS' PRESTIGIOUS HONOR**

**McHENRY, ILL (May 25, 2006)** – Dr. Krishna Venkataswamy, GLS Corporation's Director of Research and Development is one of the select group of recipients of the 2006 Society of Plastics Engineer's Fellow Award during the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Technical Conference (ANTEC) in Charlotte, N.C during May 7-11. He has been one of the 13 newly elected Fellows for the Society, based on outstanding contributions to the field of plastics engineering, science or technology, or in the management of such activities. Only 252 members (one percent of the total membership worldwide) have been honored with this prestigious award since its inception in 1984.

Krishna has been recognized for his technical & commercial contributions in the area of thermoplastic elastomers for nearly two decades. The citation for the award is for the development of a class of styrenic block copolymer-based TPEs which can overmold onto any type of polyamide, especially in insert molding; for thermoplastic elastomers for automotive solid weatherseals; and the development of a novel class of high temperature TPEs based on polyamides and polyesters and polyacrylate elastomers. Krishna's other awards include "Outstanding Achievement Award for Leadership 1999", from Society of Plastics Engineers for his efforts as the Chairman of Engineering Properties and Structures Division for 1997-1998. He was awarded the "Sherwin-Williams award in Applied Polymer Science" from Polymeric Materials: Science and Engineering Division of American Chemical Society in 1986.

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