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DSM Desotech Announces the Opening of DSM Desotech Specialty Chemicals (Shanghai), Ltd.

Elgin, Illinois, January 20, 2005—
DSM Desotech, a world leader in the development and supply of UV-curable materials, is pleased to announce the opening of **DSM Desotech Specialty Chemicals (Shanghai) Ltd.**

The new plant (DDSC) is Desotech's fourth manufacturing facility to date, now producing Cablelite® fiber optic inks for the Asia-Pacific region. Desotech's other plant locations include: Hoek van Holland, the Netherlands; Stanley, North Carolina, USA; and Tsukuba, Japan. The Tsukuba plant is part of Japan Fine Coatings Co., Ltd—a joint venture between DSM and JSR.



Above: Open House ceremonies for DSM Desotech Specialty Chemicals (Shanghai) Ltd. were held on January 14 in Shanghai. Pictured from left to right: General Manager Cao Lu Town Industrial Company Mr. Xue Fu Min, General Manager DNP China Mr. Eberhard Rank, DSM Desotech VP Fiber Optic Materials Mr. Patrick Niels, DSM China President Mr. Stefan Sommer, DSM Desotech VP Operations Les Nack.

According to Weber Lin, DSM Desotech Sales Director-Asia, the formation of DDSC came in direct response to significant growth in the Asian optical fiber and cable market over the past several years.

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“The Chinese optical fiber industry has grown substantially over the past three to four years,” says Lin. “The opening of DDSC now provides Desotech customers world-class quality Cablelite® materials with all the benefits of local production.”

Production equipment, manufacturing processes and quality control measures at DDSCS have been carefully engineered to the same stringent standards as those of Desotech's other ink manufacturing facility in Stanley, NC. For this reason, China customers confirm that DDSC-produced Cablelite inks are consistent in both product quality and package appearance as those they have received from Desotech in the past.

In 1999, DSM Desotech established its first local sales office in Shanghai, followed by the opening of both a technical service center and a distribution center in 2003.

About DSM Desotech

DSM Desotech is the world's leading supplier of high-performance UV-curable materials used for the production of optical fiber and optical fiber cable, including: DeSolite® Optical Fiber Coatings, Cablelite® Inks and Matrix Materials, and Bufferlite™ Tight Buffer Materials. DSM Desotech is also a producer of specialty UV-curable products used in a variety of other industries.

DSM Desotech operates as a business unit of DSM. In addition to its Elgin headquarters facility, Desotech operates manufacturing facilities in the United States, Europe and Japan and maintains a global network of sales agents throughout more than 20 countries. More information about DSM Desotech can be found at: www.dsmdesotech.com

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DSM is active worldwide in life science and nutritional products, performance materials and industrial chemicals. The company specializes in innovative products and services that help improve the quality of life and DSM products are currently used in a wide range of end markets and applications such as human and animal nutrition and health, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, automotive and transport, coatings, housing and electrics & electronics (E&E). The group has annual sales (pro forma including

the recent acquisition - renamed DSM Nutritional Products) of approximately EUR 8 billion and employs about 26,000 people around the world. Ranking among the global leaders in many of its fields, DSM is headquartered in the Netherlands, with locations in Europe, Asia and the Americas. More information about DSM can be found at www.dsm.com <<http://www.dsm.com/>>

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