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DSM Desotech Announces New Initiative, New Appointments, Around UV-Curable Materials Innovation

Elgin, Illinois, November 30, 2006— DSM Desotech Inc., a world leader in the development of high-performance UV-curable materials, has announced the launch of a new business initiative which will focus on the innovation of specialty UV materials for new and emerging markets throughout Europe and North America.

DSM Desotech is the world's leading supplier of UV-curable coatings, inks and matrix materials for the production of glass optical fiber and cable, as well as a leading innovator of UV-curable stereolithography resins used for the creation of three-dimensional models and prototypes from digital data. In April of this year, the company divested its Display Coatings business (consisting of protective and anti-reflective coatings for flat panel displays) to joint venture partner JSR Corporation.

"Desotech is well-recognized for its UV formulating expertise in industries such as telecommunications and rapid prototyping," says Desotech VP of R&D Anthony Toussaint. "The new effort being launched is designed to apply those 30 years of expertise to completely new market areas that can benefit significantly from what UV-curable technology has to offer." Part of Desotech's growth strategy will include acquisitions.

The use of UV-curable materials has continually expanded since the technology was first introduced in the 1970s. Significant growth is currently being driven by applications in graphic arts, wood, electronics and industrial coatings.

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Appointments

DSM Desotech has dedicated both R&D and production resources to its new innovation initiative at its facilities in both North America and the Netherlands. The following full-time appointments have been announced to date:

Dr. Anthony Toussaint

Market Platform Manager,
Desotech Formulated Products



Dr. Chander Chawla

Project Manager,
New Business Development



Mr. Jeff Zink

Project Manager,
New Business Development



Additional support for the initiative will be provided in Europe by **Ms. Joke Smedinga** (DSM Desotech Account Manager, Fiber Optic Materials), and **Mr. Jim Reese** (DSM Desotech Sales Director Americas, Fiber Optic Materials).

About DSM Desotech

DSM Desotech (www.dsmdesotech.com) is a Business Unit of DSM Resins, a business group within the Performance Materials cluster of the global DSM group, headquartered in the Netherlands. Desotech is a world leader in the development of high-performance UV-curable materials. In the telecommunications industry, it is the leading supplier of coatings, inks and matrix materials for

the production of optical fiber and cable. In the Solid Imaging market, it is a leading supplier of stereolithography resins used for the creation of three-dimensional models and prototypes from digital data. DSM Desotech operates research and manufacturing facilities in the United States, the Netherlands, China and Japan.

About DSM

DSM is active worldwide in nutritional and pharma ingredients, performance materials and industrial chemicals. The company creates innovative products and services that help improve the quality of life. DSM's products are 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). DSM's strategy, named *Vision 2010 – Building on Strengths*, focuses on accelerating profitable and innovative growth of the company's specialties portfolio. Market-driven growth, innovation and increased presence in emerging economies are key drivers of this strategy. The group has annual sales of approximately EUR 8 billion and employs around 23,000 people worldwide. DSM ranks among the global leaders in many of its fields. The company is headquartered in the Netherlands, with locations in Europe, Asia and the Americas. More information about DSM can be found at www.dsm.com

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