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## DSM Somos® Stereolithography Resins Qualified for Use in Sony Solid Creation Systems

New Castle, Delaware, Feb. 16, 2004—DSM Somos® today announced that its complete line of UV-curable stereolithography resins has been qualified for use in Sony's Solid Creation Systems (SCS), available for sale in North America. All resins will be sold directly by DSM Somos.

"We are pleased to be working with DSM Somos to offer our U.S. customers high quality resin materials for our line-up of Solid Creation Systems," said Koh Nakata, Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Sony Manufacturing Systems America (SMSA). The line-up includes Sony's SCS-9000D system, which has the largest modeling platform available in the world with dual beam scanning technology.

"Sony's entry into the U.S. stereolithography market will undoubtedly foster some exciting new developments in both equipment and processing technology," says DSM Somos Business Director James Reitz. "We are very pleased to be working with them to deliver Somos materials to their Solid Creation customers, and welcome this opportunity to further participate in the growth of the stereolithography market."

Several popular DSM Somos products, including Somos 9120 and WaterShed™ 11120, have been used in Sony Solid Creation Systems in Japan for the last several years.

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### **About DSM Somos®**

DSM Somos ([www.dsmsomos.com](http://www.dsmsomos.com)) is an unincorporated division of DSM Desotech ([www.dsmdesotech.com](http://www.dsmdesotech.com))—a world leader in the development of UV-curable materials—and a member of the global DSM family. DSM Somos' corporate office is located at: 2 Penn's Way, New Castle, DE 19720, USA, Tel. +1-302-326-8100, [Americas@dsmsomos.info](mailto:Americas@dsmsomos.info). For more information on DSM Somos® in Europe: Fax. +39 06 9871694, [Europe@dsmsomos.info](mailto:Europe@dsmsomos.info)

### **About DSM**

DSM is active worldwide in life science and nutritional products, performance materials and industrial chemicals. With annual sales (pro forma including the recent acquisition renamed DSM Nutritional Products) of approximately EUR 8 billion, DSM employs about 25,000 people worldwide and ranks among the global leaders in many of its fields. DSM products are found in a wide range of end markets such as human and animal nutrition and health, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, automotive, coatings, and electrics & electronics (E&E). DSM is headquartered in the Netherlands, with locations in Europe, Asia and the Americas. For more information on DSM, log on to [www.dsm.com](http://www.dsm.com)

### **About DSM Somos® Materials**

#### **What is stereolithography?**

Stereolithography (SL) permits the rapid creation of 3D pieces utilizing a computer-controlled laser that polymerizes light-sensitive resins. The process is highly precise and constructs the object in a series of "additive layers," providing the advantage of producing highly complex forms that are difficult or impossible to fabricate by machining or traditional molding techniques. The evolution of advanced SL materials offers the potential of moving stereolithography from prototyping into production.

**DSM Somos ProtoComposites™** are resins reinforced with various materials, such as ceramics and glasses, to produce functional properties not possible using individual components. DSM Somos ProtoComposite materials are a result of a significant research and development program investigating the potential for ACT-SL™ (Advanced Composite Technology for StereoLithography).

**DSM Somos ProtoFunctional® resins for stereolithography** provide advanced technology to respond to the changing needs of new product development and industrial design. In 2003, DSM Somos announced ProtoTool™ ceramic-filled resins, the first member belonging to the new ACT-SL™ technology and the result of a significant research and development program. Traditional non-composite ProtoFunctional materials by DSM Somos satisfy a varying range of characteristics: transparency, superior humidity and heat resistance, and outstanding mechanical properties, replicating those of many production grade plastics such as polypropylene, polyethylene, ABS and PBT. Technical data on all Somos® materials may be found at [www.dsmsomos.com](http://www.dsmsomos.com)

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