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TriStar Plastics to Showcase Surface Modification and Bearings Solutions at Design & Manufacturing South

Shrewsbury, MA, March 18, 2008 – TriStar Plastics Corp., a leader in engineered plastics solutions, today announced that the company will be showcasing its full suite of engineered plastics solutions – including its advanced Surface Modification and Plane Bearings capabilities -- this week at the Design & Manufacturing South Show, March 19-20, 2008, Charlotte Convention Center, Charlotte, NC, **Booth # 228**.

"We have seen tremendous interest in our bearings solutions and surface modification techniques and the technological advantage we offer customers," said Richard Cedrone, CEO of TriStar Plastics. "We are unique in our ability to offer customers a state-of-the-art fabrication facility, exceptional manufacturing and industry-leading expertise to assist in the design and selection of high-performance plastics materials."

TriStar Bearings Solutions

With advances in plastics technology that better utilize strength, wear resistance and self-lubricating capabilities, TriStar gives engineers and end users a simple, reliable and economical alternative to rolling element bearings. TriStar's **Ultracomp**, **TriSteel**™ and **CJ Composite** bearings are ideal for non-lubricated, high-load applications in a variety of operating environments.

TriStar Ultracomp meets the rigorous needs of high-load, low-speed plane bearing applications. Self-lubricating and easy to machine, UltraComp has exceptional resistance to vibration and impact**,** and an ultimate compressive strength of up to 54,000 psi**.**

TriStar TriSteel is a metal-backed system that withstands the most rigorous applications including high loads, high speeds and adverse environments. TriSteel bearings utilize special polymer liners for self-lubrication and improved wear properties. Each material has a specific wear rate dependent on the speed, load, temperature, lubrication and hardware of the application.

TriStar CJ Composite bearings are ideal for non-lubricated, high-load applications in a variety of climates and operating environments. They are available with thick walls for drop-in replacement of steel and bronze bearings, providing longer wear and extended operating life without the cost associated with lubrication. The rust-proof design of CJ Composites makes them ideal for environments where traditional metals corrode and fail, including heavy-duty agricultural, automotive, construction, industrial, marine, railway, and material handling equipment.

TriStar Surface Modification

From enhancing cell culture trays to bonding dissimilar materials, **TriStar Surface Modification** capabilities are ideal for tackling the most challenging surface issues. Its solutions include unique, dry, and environmentally friendly techniques to modify the surface of polymers, elastomers and films in order to dramatically increase the bond strength of adhesives, paint, markings, or specialty coatings.

TriStar has significant expertise in the preparation of polymers or elastomers for optimum bonding to other materials using adhesives. TriStar offers plasma, corona, UV or chemical treatments as service processes as well as the manufacturing of the equipment required for each process.

About TriStar Plastics Corp.

Founded in 1982, TriStar Plastics Corp. is a forerunner in engineering, fabrication and manufacturing of high-performance polymers, composites and self-lubricating bearing materials. Offering more than 300 different types of plastics materials, a complete line of bearings and surface modification capabilities, TriStar is able to provide the optimum materials for a wide range of applications including manufacturing, marine, medical devices and construction. TriStar is headquartered in Shrewsbury, MA with offices in North Carolina, Illinois and Southern California. For additional information, visit www.tstar.com.

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