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MITSUI CHEMICALS AMERICA LAUNCHES PACKAGING INDUSTRY WEBSITE

Purchase, NY, August 16, 2005...Mitsui Chemicals America, Inc., a division of Mitsui Chemicals, Inc., one of the leading companies in the chemical industry, today announced the launch of a website dedicated to serving the needs of the packaging industry.

Mitsui Chemicals has a long history of success in the packaging industry and offers packaging materials for the food, beauty, industrial, specialty and healthcare markets for a multitude of applications. The new website will function as an online catalogue featuring product information on its packaging portfolio. In addition to accessing detailed information on the company's packaging solutions, visitors will be able to view the latest product news and details of forthcoming events.

"The launch of a dedicated online industry resource demonstrates our commitment to being a resource for the packaging industry by providing the most current information on our food, cosmetic and personal care, pharmaceutical, medical, industrial and specialty packaging applications" said Kensaku Maruyama, President, Mitsui Chemicals America, Inc. "I believe our packaging website will serve as an excellent source of information."

The company also has a website dedicated to the automotive industry. Its materials are featured in all parts of an automobile including automotive interior, exterior, chassis, powertrain, under the hood and in electronic systems. Products dedicated to this key market include adhesive and phenolic resins, polyolefins, copolymers, thermoplastic olefinic elastomers, and synthetic oils and rubbers that address the industry's various needs. For more information on the company's materials for automotive applications, visit www.mitsuichemautomotive.com.

About Mitsui Chemicals America, Inc.

Mitsui Chemicals America, Inc. is a subsidiary of Mitsui Chemicals, Inc., one of the leading companies in the chemical industry. The company is headquartered in Purchase, NY, and, with its affiliates, produces and supplies high value added chemical products in North and South America.

Mitsui Chemicals America, Inc. focuses on the market development of specialty chemical products and provides services through a communication network with Mitsui Chemicals. These product areas include Fine and Specialty Chemicals and Intermediates, Chemical Solvents, Specialty Polymers and Engineering Plastics, Functional Materials, Electronic Materials and Adhesive Resins.

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