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ATOFINA PETROCHEMICALS, INC. CHANGES ITS NAME TO TOTAL PETROCHEMICALS USA, INC.

HOUSTON, Texas (October 1, 2004) – ATOFINA Petrochemicals, Inc. has changed its name to TOTAL PETROCHEMICALS USA, INC. effective today, according to President and Chief Executive Officer Jean-Pierre Seeuws.

The change in name is to more closely align the petrochemicals business with its parent company: Total S.A.

Seeuws explained, "Total has a worldwide reputation as a solid, innovative and integrated energy company. The ability to more closely align with the Group will enhance the market for our products and allow us to attract and retain quality employees."

Total S.A. (NYSE:TOT) is the world's fourth-largest integrated petroleum company with major operations in exploration and production, trading and shipping, refining and marketing, and petrochemicals. Total has approximately 110,000 employees worldwide.

TOTAL PETROCHEMICALS USA, INC. is headquartered in Houston and produces polypropylene, polyethylene, polystyrene, styrene, base chemicals and transportation fuels. With sales of \$5.3 billion in 2003, the company employs more than 1,600 people in the U.S. and has manufacturing facilities in Texas and Louisiana as well as a research and development facility in La Porte, Texas and a refinery in Port Arthur, Texas.

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Total is pronounced: tō 'taul (toe **towel**)

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