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Beisert Appointed Vice President - Styrenics, President of FINA Technologies, Inc.

Houston, Texas – (June 19, 2010) – Stan Beisert has been appointed vice president of Styrenics and president of FINA Technologies, Inc. at Total Petrochemicals USA, Inc., according to CEO Geoffroy Petit.

Previously, Beisert was general manager of Health, Safety, Security and Environment.

Beisert has been with the company for 25 years with management and operations experience in refining, polypropylene, and polyethylene.

Beisert will manage the company's Styrenics business in North America. Total Petrochemicals is the third largest polystyrene manufacturer in the U.S. and the fourth largest in the world. The company's Styrenics Complex in Louisiana is the largest styrene monomer and polystyrene plant in the world.

Polystyrene is a plastic used in toys, electronic housing, plastic cutlery, food containers, foam cups, meat trays, ice chests, and household insulation.

Total Petrochemicals USA, Inc., headquartered in Houston, Texas, produces polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene, styrene, base chemicals and transportation fuels. The company employs about 1,700 people in the U.S. and has manufacturing facilities in Texas and Louisiana, a research and development facility in La Porte, Texas, and a refinery in Port Arthur, Texas.

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Total Petrochemicals encompasses petrochemicals activities of Total, the fourth largest oil company worldwide. Its business includes base petrochemicals from steam crackers and certain refinery processing plants – olefins (ethylene, propylene), C₄ fractions and aromatics (benzene, toluene, xylenes and styrene) – as well as the commodity polymers they derived from (polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene and elastomers). Total Petrochemicals employs 7,500 people in Europe, the United States, the Middle East and Asia. Its products are used in many consumer and industrial markets, including Packaging, Construction and Automotive.