

Press Release

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MacDermid Continues Sales and Support of LAVA, its Thermal Plate Processing Technology

July 30, 2008: MacDermid develops, sells and services a broad range of photopolymer printing plates and processing equipment for the flexographic package printing market. This portfolio includes solvent as well as thermally processed printing plates and equipment.

MacDermid markets its thermal plate processing equipment under the trade name LAVA. A recent press release by Dupont has inappropriately raised some questions regarding MacDermid's ability to support this product line. MacDermid wishes to assure its customers that it will continue to sell, support and service its entire thermal product line, including the processing equipment. The recent industry announcement is not anticipated to affect MacDermid's LAVA customers or MacDermid's ability and commitment to providing these products to its customers with the highest level of service and satisfaction.

In related matters, as part of a 2006 photopolymer plate patent infringement law suit with DuPont, MacDermid has filed a counterclaim in an effort to curtail what MacDermid believes is inappropriate competitive activity by DuPont. In its counterclaim, MacDermid has alleged, among other things, that DuPont has (i) attempted to inappropriately suppress competition, (ii) attempted monopolization of portions of the flexographic plate market, (iii) engaged in inappropriate restraint of trade, and (iv) used invalid patents to inappropriately suppress competition. MacDermid hopes that its efforts to protect free competition in portions of the flexographic printing market will benefit the entire market, including MacDermid's customers. "We will not be bullied by DuPont's inappropriate use of market power and our legal system", said Michael Siegmund, President MacDermid Printing Solutions. He continued, "MacDermid is committed to defending its technology so that it may provide its customers with a full range of plate technologies. This allows our customers to choose which product is best for them".

Founded in 1922, MacDermid is a global specialty chemicals company serving the diversified needs of the Electronics, Industrial, Offshore and Printing industries. It employs over 2,500 people and is headquartered in Denver, CO.

