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AGY Launches Wind Energy Initiative

Aiken, S.C., Oct. 6, 2004 – AGY today announced that it has launched a significant product and market development project to provide value for the growing application of composites in wind energy. The company says the project is specifically targeting high-performance reinforcements for large blades and AGY Market Development Manager Xavier Gambert has been named to lead the project.

“With steady growth in blade installation and a focus on larger and more efficient blade designs, the market is actively seeking new reinforcement materials that exceed the capabilities of today’s fibers,” says Douglas J. Mattscheck, AGY president and chief executive officer. “AGY is uniquely positioned to provide these materials with its high-strength, high-performance specialty glass products.”

Mattscheck says Gambert will coordinate product, market and application development for AGY as it partners with key players around the globe to provide new and improved solutions to large blade manufacture and performance.

“Large blades require higher performance materials than the market has readily available today,” says Gambert. “We believe our unique glass and size chemistries will provide the performance needed, and we are actively partnering with current and potential customers to bring these products to the global market.”

“We look forward to expanding our role in the global composites market by providing the wind energy market with the same high level of quality, performance, and service that we have provided other global composites markets with in the past,” adds Mattscheck.

AGY is a leading global producer of fiberglass yarns and high strength fiberglass reinforcements used in a wide variety of composites applications. Headquartered in Aiken, S.C. (USA), AGY has a European office in Lyon, France, and manufacturing facilities in Aiken, S.C., and Huntingdon, Pa. Additional information may be found at the company’s website, www.agy.com, or by email at info@agy.com.