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Madico Extends Lead in Photovoltaic Backsheet Market

88% Capacity Increase Allows for Greater, Faster Distribution

Woburn, MA – September 3, 2009 – The Specialty Films Division of Madico Inc., one of the world's leading manufacturers of advanced laminates designed to increase human safety, security and manage energy, announced that it has dramatically increased manufacturing capacity for its industry leading Protekt® Technology. The proprietary Protekt photovoltaic (PV) backsheet construction maximizes product availability by substituting a widely available coating for the supply chain-constrained material competing products rely on. Today, by increasing year-over-year production capacity by 88 percent, Madico is ensuring solar panel manufacturers face virtually no supply chain constraints in their PV procurement.

Madico successfully increased capacity from 4 gigawatts to 7.5 gigawatts through enhanced internal processes and plant expansion. The company improved efficiencies by incorporating “lean” principles into its manufacturing and distribution functions. It also opened additional backsheet assembly plants worldwide. By moving assembly closer to the customer, Madico is reducing shipping time and costs. As a result of its efforts, Madico aims to ensure solar panel manufacturers are able to keep pace with the surging demand for renewable energy solutions.

According to Madico Specialty Films Sales Manager Frank Mannarino, “Today’s announcement extends Madico’s leadership in the photovoltaic market. We have long been recognized for our technology leadership – having received both patents and awards – for our PV innovations, but now we have also established ourselves as the forerunner in capacity and supply chain efficiencies.”

Mannarino added that Madico is not only helping other organizations reduce consumption by supplying more powerful and “greener” backsheet technologies, but it is also reducing its own carbon footprint by producing and distributing its products in an environmentally responsible fashion. “Our commitment to eliminating waste and pioneering new technologies translates to

competitive advantage for our partners,” added Mannarino. “Today’s announcements demonstrate that we are further reducing the energy burden associated with the delivery and use of products.” The company’s Chiba and Doi plants serve the Asian market, Europe is supported by its Netherlands-based distribution facility, and Massachusetts and Michigan supply PV products for North America and the rest of the world.

About Madico Inc.

Madico Inc. has been developing innovative materials for more than a century. An unrivaled commitment to research and development has enabled the company to pioneer a number of industry-first products and processes for emerging safety and energy markets. The company’s award winning Specialty Film products have been proven to increase reliability and energy generation in the growing renewable energy sectors. Madico’s corporate headquarters and one of its manufacturing centers are located in Woburn, Massachusetts.

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