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**ST. PETERSBURG RESEARCH CENTER FOR
POLYMER FILMS CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY**

Montabaur, Germany – June 1, 2010 – On June 3, 2010, the Research Center for Polymer Films (St. Petersburg, Russia) will celebrate its third anniversary. Founded in May 2007 by the Klöckner Pentaplast Group, St. Petersburg State Institute of Technology (Technical University), and 9 West European raw material suppliers / machine manufacturers, the center focuses on research and development of packaging films and is based in the Klöckner Pentaplast facility. Since its inception, center sponsorships have grown to 26 Western European raw material suppliers and machine manufacturers. Center activities are concentrated on development of innovative film solutions based on the calendering process, as well as the advanced development of nanosol coatings, intelligent packaging, and quality control systems.

The research center continues to be the first of its kind in Russia and serves as a valuable resource for the development of the Russian packaging industry. Offering a platform between the Western European raw material suppliers and machine manufacturers and the Russian packaging industry and scientists, Klöckner Pentaplast and these companies support and award research grants that are studied by staff, 20 students, and professors from the St. Petersburg University. In addition, financial and mechanical engineering support has been provided to enable the students and scientists to gain practical experience through the use of a laboratory calender, mixing mill, thermoforming machine, and a nanosol coating line, as well as state-of-the-art measurement systems.

Within the last 2 years, projects have included nano technology and film properties; additive optimization; metrological evaluation of surfaces; software based color measurement; material flow analysis; 3D projection of production processes; and environmental analysis and comparisons of properties for different packaging variants. Currently, the center is researching anti-counterfeiting for film packaging and automated production planning for the extrusion lines of Klöckner Pentaplast/Europe.

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“Both Klöckner Pentaplast and National Institute St. Petersburg benefit from this partnership,” says Dr. Hans-Joachim Kogelnik, president and COO, Klöckner Pentaplast/Europe. “Klöckner Pentaplast has access to outstanding research and education resources, while the National Institute St. Petersburg is able to provide a hand-on R&D center for its students, professors, and staff. Together we are able to support the growth of the Russian packaging industry.”

About the Klöckner Pentaplast Group

The Klöckner Pentaplast Group is the world’s leading producer of films for pharmaceutical, medical device, food, electronics, and general-purpose thermoform packaging, as well as printing and specialty applications. Founded in 1965 in Montabaur, Germany, Klöckner Pentaplast has grown from its initial facility to 19 current production operations in 11 countries.

The Klöckner Pentaplast Group is wholly owned by affiliates of The Blackstone Group. The company has sales of over \$1.6 billion (€1.1 billion) and employs more than 3,200 people committed to serving customers worldwide. For more information, visit our web site at www.kpfilms.com.

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