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**GLS CORPORATION'S NEW VERSAFLEX TPE ALLOY LINE
FEATURES WATER-CLARITY AND ENHANCED
HEAT RESISTANCE PROPERTIES**

Ideally Suited for Infant Care, Toys, Tubing and Kitchenware Applications

McHENRY, IL (September 3, 2004) – Baby care and kitchenware manufacturers looking for alternatives to costly and limiting silicone compounds now have a materials alternative in the form of new TPE materials from GLS Corporation, engineered to meet the special concerns of product designers in this specialty market. Although promising, until now most TPEs fell short in terms of required performance; notably TPEs inability to offer clarity and offer heat resistance for required sterilization of infant and kitchenware products have kept product designers from considering these compounds (i.e. sterilizing baby bottle nipples and washing products in dishwashers).

Responding to calls for alternatives to high cost silicone and performance-lacking TPE compounds, GLS Corporation is introducing an entirely new grade of thermoplastic elastomer (TPE) alloys for silicone replacement applications. The new grade is specifically engineered to overcome both silicone and other TPE shortfalls. New from GLS Corporation, the

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VERSAFLEX® CL2200 series of TPE alloys are both water-clear and have enhanced heat resistance which incorporate excellent boil resistance plus offers high bite and tear resistance characteristics. Further, they are ideally suited for overmolding applications with polypropylene (PP) substrates.

The injection moldable pellets, available in 42 and 50 Shore A hardnesses, are ideal for silicone material replacements, offer processors the ability to consolidate components through overmolding techniques while saving on materials costs. In addition, no special equipment is required for processing this newly compounded material; the VERSAFLEX TPE alloys feature a low specific gravity and special ease of processing owing to their high melt flow properties.

GLS Corporation has supplied elastomeric raw materials to the industry since 1979. The company has produced application-specific, custom TPE compounds since 1984. In the year 2001, the firm formed a strategic alliance with TPR manufacturer DSM. Later, in 2002, GLS entered into another alliance with GE Plastics to market a new line of Softfx™ hard engineering resin/soft TPE overmold combinations. And, in the Fall of 2002, they developed a series of specialty rubberized TPU alloys to be sold under the VERSOLLAN™ trade name. Other GLS products offered for molding and extrusion include KRATON® thermoplastic rubber compounds; DYNAFLEX® thermoplastic elastomer compounds; VERSAFLEX® TPE alloys, and new generation VERSALLOY® elastomer alloys, which exhibit enhanced performance properties. Applications for these materials are found in medical, sports and leisure, automotive, lawn and garden, appliance, kitchen tool, power tool, personal care and industrial markets, among others.

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