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**ULTRA-SOFTNESS & WATER CLARITY FEATURED IN NEW
GLS VERSAFLEX TPE GRADE**

GLS Touts 30 Shore 00 Softness and Injection Moldable Capability With New Grade

McHENRY, IL – GLS introduces its latest ultra-soft, injection moldable thermoplastic elastomer (TPE) grade to complement its current line of softest available injection moldable TPEs. This injection moldable, gel-like TPE product, part of the specialty VERSAFLEX® series, is water clear and is sold under the name VERSAFLEX CL 2003. The new grade is one of the softest injection moldable TPEs in the industry with a softness of 30 Shore 00, and provides a non-oily, non-tacky feel.

It should be noted that this new grade comes on the heels of a GLS 3 Shore A softness CL 2000 grade (announced recently) which has seen great success. This new CL 2003 grade is nearly 20 Shore 00 lower than the previous grade, and is provided in free flowing pellets ready for injection molding.

GLS sources state that the new VERSAFLEX CL 2003 TPE is ideally suited for a variety of applications requiring a gel-like feel or cushioning properties. Examples include ergonomic applications such as gel pads for computer wrist and arm rests, furniture backs and arms, and shoe gel inserts, as well as applications requiring a unique soft feel such as toys, bicycle seats, and personal care items.

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Many soft TPE compounds on the market are difficult to mold, and are aesthetically unpleasing due to surface defects. GLS has formulated CL 2003 to flow easily into the mold while minimizing gate vestige and flow lines, for an improved surface appearance. The new grade can be overmolded onto both fabric and sheet, or, for gel applications, it can be encapsulated.

GLS TPEs, with the addition of the new CL 2003 grade, lay claim to some of the softest grades available that impart a pleasant, soft touch feel (ranging in hardness from 30 Shore 00 to 65 Shore A). Additionally, the water clarity of the new TPE grade offers designers the increased flexibility to work with bright, brilliant colors or translucent tints to help differentiate their products in the marketplace.

GLS Corporation has supplied elastomeric raw materials to the industry since 1979. The company has produced application-specific, custom TPE compounds since 1984; in 2001, the firm formed a product development partnership with TPR manufacturer DSM. 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 are found in medical, sports and leisure, automotive, lawn and garden, appliance, kitchen tool, power tool, personal care and industrial markets, among others.

For more information on the new CL 2003 series of GLS super soft and ultra clear TPEs contact: GLS Corporation, 833 Ridgeview Drive, McHenry, IL 60050-7050. Telephone: (815) 385-8500 or (800) 457-8777. Fax: (815) 385-8533. E-mail: info@glscorp.com

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