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Symphony Plastic Technologies plc

Pre-Close Trading Statement

Symphony Plastic Technologies plc ("Symphony" or the "Group"), the degradable plastics company, will be announcing its preliminary results for the year ended 31 December 2004 on 23rd March 2005. Sales for the year were approximately £8.9 million (2003: £7.6 million) up by 17% on the previous year.

As indicated at the interims, the results for the second half of the year will show reduced gross profits and losses exceeding current analyst expectations due to the recent exceptional worldwide raw material price rises against the Group's fixed price contracts. The management of Symphony has re-negotiated many of its contracts and has, where possible, mitigated this for the future.

As announced on the 21st December 2004, the High Court dismissed the main claims made by EPI. This positive judgement has left Symphony free to continue to exploit its own technology worldwide and is allowing discussions to open up more freely with potential customers at the start of 2005.

Current Trading

Gross margins have been restored as a result of the above actions. Investment has been made in supply chain and corporate marketing activities but with the intention of keeping overhead costs substantively in line with last year.

International market opportunities are continuing to increase primarily due to the growing demand for eco-friendly degradable plastics and also to Governmental pressure. The Group has recently completed significant distribution agreements for Saudi Arabia and Columbia which further extends the territorial reach of the d₂w[®] range of products. The increasing number of product sectors and markets in which the Group operates will both increase its overall potential and avoid dependence on any one market.

Board Changes

Michael Stephens has today stepped down from the Board, though remaining an operational director of Group subsidiary Companies and continuing to lead the Group's technical support and development.

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Further information on Symphony Plastic Technologies plc

Symphony develops and supplies environmentally responsible plastic packaging products, which are distributed primarily to the retail, local authority and health related sectors. The Group's main technology, d₂w[®], allows plastic to degrade, leaving only water, a minimal amount of carbon dioxide and trace amounts of non-toxic biomass over a controlled time period. The current d₂w[®] product range now includes additives, carrier bags, refuse and waste sacks, mailing wrap, stretch film, aprons, and packaging films.

Symphony has a strong blue-chip customer base in the UK and has successfully established itself as an international business with agreements in Brazil, Canada & USA, New Zealand, South Africa, the Caribbean and the Middle East. Further information on Symphony can be found at www.degradable.net.

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