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MAGNECO/METREL INTRODUCES NEW LINE OF CRUCIBLES

ADDISON, Illinois (April 7, 2006) -- Magneco/Metrel, Inc., the innovative leader in nanoparticulate technology for the metalworking industry, has introduced a new line of high alumina Sol-Gel bonded crucibles in custom sizes and shapes, offering important advances for investment casting.

Magneco/Metrel's crucibles are produced with the company's patented Metpump family of cement-free nanoparticulate refractory products, and offer high hot strength and excellent thermal shock resistance. The crucibles may be ordered to the customer's exact specifications, including specialized forms such as teapot ladles.

"In addition to their superior performance under high temperatures, Metpump products are highly resistant to

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corrosion and abrasion," said George Connors, marketing manager for Magneco/Metrel. "The combination of these attributes makes it the ideal material to construct crucibles for the casting industry."

For further information and pricing on Magneco/Metrel's line of custom-designed crucibles, please contact Kristie Monte at 630/543-6660.

Magneco/Metrel, Inc. is the world's leading developer and manufacturer of nanoparticulate refractory technology, with headquarters in Addison, Illinois and facilities in 16 countries worldwide. More information is available online at www.magneco-metrel.com.

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