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MAGNECO/METREL PASSES ISO 9001:2000 & 14001:2004

ADDISON, Illinois (April 26, 2007) -- Magneco/Metrel, Inc., the innovative leader in nanoparticulate technology for the glass and metalworking industries, announced today that its Negley, Ohio manufacturing facility has passed ISO 9001:2000 and ISO 14001:2004 audits with zero non-conformances.

"Since 1999, Magneco/Metrel has been committed to Quality Management Systems, and our ongoing high performance standards are exemplified by this most recent audit, which we passed with flying colors," said Charles W. Connors, Sr., president of Magneco/Metrel. "This year we took our dedication one step further with the addition of the ISO 14001:2004 Environmental Management Systems, and were gratified to receive a perfect score."

Magneco/Metrel's Negley facility manufactures the company's Metpump line of nanoparticulate refractory, an

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advanced line of pumpable and shotcrete formulations of colloidal silica that are now widely used in the glass, steel, iron, copper, aluminum and ceramics industries worldwide. The company's Sol-Gel bonded monolithic refractory materials are developed to match the demands of each respective region of a furnace.

Compared to low- or ultra-low cement bonded castables, Metpump products exhibit superior hot strength, thermal shock and creep resistance properties, excellent erosion and abrasion resistance, high resistance to chemical attack and increased mechanical strength.

"Beyond their superior performance, Metpump products can considerably reduce furnace downtime and construction cost, thanks to their pumpability and fast dry-out characteristics," Connors said. "They can be pumped at rates up to 20 tons per hour, and dry-out time is one-third to one-half that of cement bonded castables. The advanced technology also has the highest hot strength of any monolithic refractories available today."

For further information about Magneco/Metrel's Negley facility or its Metpump refractory products, call 630/543-6660 or visit www.magneco-metrel.com.

Magneco/Metrel is the world's leading developer and producer of advanced refractory technology, with headquarters

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in Addison, Illinois and facilities in 17 countries worldwide.

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