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VIVAK[®] THERMOPLASTIC SHEET FROM SHEFFIELD PLASTICS USED FOR THE ABC NETWORK HOME REMODELING SHOW *EXTREME MAKEOVER: HOME EDITION*

Sheffield, MA—August 29, 2006—Sheffield Plastics Inc., a Bayer MaterialScience Company, along with its distributor A & C Plastics, Inc., announces the donation of Sheffield VIVAK[®] Thermoplastic Sheet to the ABC network television show *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*.

Extreme Makeover: Home Edition features a team of designers that work together to remodel the homes of deserving families. For a show aired in January featuring the Kubena family, A & C Plastics (Houston, TX) donated the VIVAK Sheet material for the remodel of two children's bedrooms.

VIVAK was used in one bedroom as the material for large thermoformed "bubbles" that were fixed to the walls and ceiling. Another bubble was used as a hanging chair. In the second bedroom, VIVAK was used for large thermoformed candy canes and a "chocolate bar" table. This theme was copied after the Candy Land[®] board game from the Milton Bradley line of Hasbro, Inc.

"VIVAK Sheet is a really incredible material, not only because of its durability, but because it is very easy to form and fabricate," said Carolyn Faulk, president of A & C Plastics in Houston, Texas. "I knew from watching the show that they were probably going to do something really creative, so we wanted to donate a very versatile material. VIVAK Sheet was the first product that came to mind."

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VIVAK® Thermoplastic Sheet from Sheffield Plastics Used for the ABC Network Home Remodeling Show—*Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*,

VIVAK® Sheet is a high-performance thermoplastic sheet with exceptional formability and outstanding impact strength. VIVAK Sheet is many times stronger than acrylic and can be easily thermoformed into virtually any shape.

In addition to its durable construction, VIVAK Sheet forms uniformly at lower temperatures, for greater detail and deeper draws, complex die-cuts and precise molded-in details—without the webbing and sag usually associated with acrylic. VIVAK Sheet also offers cost effectiveness compared to polycarbonate. In addition, VIVAK Sheet can easily be decorated by painting, silk screening or hot stamping.

For more information, contact Sheffield Plastics, Inc. at 1-800-254-1707, fax 1-800-457-3553, visit www.sheffieldplastics.com, or write 119 Salisbury Road, Sheffield, MA 01257. Or contact A & C Plastics, Inc. at 1-800-231-4175, fax 1-800-627-5899, web www.acplasticsinc.com, or write 6035 Northdale, Houston, TX 77087.

Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, which has won back-to-back Emmy Awards as Best Reality Program (non-competitive), is entering its 4th season on ABC. The program is produced by Endemol USA, a division of Endemol Holding. Denise Cramsey is the executive producer; and David Goldberg is the president of Endemol USA.

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