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URSA Insulation announces the construction of a Glass Wool plant in the United Kingdom

The new plant in United Kingdom will be added to the current capacities of URSA in Western Europe. Commissioning of the plant is scheduled for the third quarter of 2009. The output of the plant will be of 65,000 tonnes, with the possibility of being extended up to 90,000 tonnes in a second stage. The new plant will represent an investment of about 100 million Euros and will create 130 direct jobs.

URSA Insulation has been an active player in the thermal and acoustic insulation materials market in the United Kingdom and Ireland since the year 2000, marketing URSA XPS[®], and with URSA GLASSWOOL[®] since the year 2004. The markets of the UK and Ireland have had an extraordinary development in the recent years and still will experience a good development in the years to come. As a major European player, URSA wants to be present in those important markets with a significant presence, in line with its continental presence.

In order to be able to provide our customers with the continued good service level they demand and as a proof of our long term commitment to the British Isles, URALITA Group has made the decision to build up a new greenfield production facility. The new plant will be located on the South Bank at North Killingholme in North Lincolnshire, chosen for its good transport links, infrastructure and the very active support of the local and regional authorities.

“We are very excited by this new development that will allow us to have a relevant presence in the only major European market where we were not yet present”, – Javier Serratos, Chairman of the Board of Uralita, points out. “The basis of growth relies to a large extent on the building renovation activity connected with improvements on energy savings. In this sense, the stringent regulations approved by the governments in the region, coupled with the incentives for thermal upgrading of the buildings make a perfect fixture for glass wool to become a material of choice“. Uralita has decided to build a new production facility in the UK in order to “position itself as a key player in this market, which we regard as a model for other markets in continental Europe”.

“The glass wool market in the UK has shown a very strong development in recent years and we believe that this trend will continue in the future”, – states Gilles Delesvaux, Managing Director of the Operating Unit URSA West - “This dynamic growth of the insulation materials market, and glass wool in particular, is fuelled by the CERT regulation (Carbon Emission Reduction Target) that came into effect on the 1st of April 2008. This regulation will stimulate energy efficiency in buildings, and thus, increase demand for glass wool, which is one of the most efficient solutions to that end”.

URSA GLASSWOOL[®] is a high-quality and cost-effective insulation material, produced with the most advanced technology. It offers a high level of heat insulation, coupled with outstanding sound insulation properties. Due to the inorganic nature of its raw materials (mainly sand), it shows an extraordinary resistance to fire. These characteristics make it an ideal material for thermal and sound insulation of construction applications such as pitched roofs, partitions, cavity walls and ceilings.

URSA GLASSWOOL[®] ranks among the top insulation materials in terms of their respect and protection of the environment. The energy savings generated by URSA GLASSWOOL[®] products in their end application far outweigh the energy required for their production and installation; therefore URSA GLASSWOOL[®] presents a most positive energy and environmental balance.

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URSA Insulation S.A. is the insulation division of Madrid-based Uralita and one of the leading suppliers of insulation building materials in Europe. It currently operates nine glass wool plants and four extruded polystyrene (XPS) ones, located in major European countries.

Founded in 1907, Uralita (ticker URA) celebrated in 2007 one hundred years providing highest quality building materials for the construction markets. In 2007 Uralita posted sales of € 1.1 billion. The Group currently operates in 35 countries with a network of 38 production plants, 6 under construction and 4,059 employees.

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