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## **Toyo Ink Opens New Manufacturing Plant in Texas**

*Boosts Polymers and Packaging Inks R&D and Customer Service Capabilities*

**October 22, 2008, Bryan, Texas** – In the morning hours of October 15, 2008, Toyo Ink Manufacturing America, LLC, a member of the Toyo Ink Group, celebrated the grand opening of its new manufacturing facility in a traditional Shinto ceremony held on the factory premises in Bryan, Texas. In attendance were Mark Conlee, Mayor of Bryan City; Randy Sims, Brazos County Judge; Ken Mallard, chairman of The Research Valley Partnership; members of the Bryan Business Council, members of the City Council and other local officials as well as Kunio Sakuma, president of parent company Toyo Ink Mfg. Co., Ltd. among other Toyo executives from the United States and abroad.

Principle products to be manufactured at the new \$20-million facility are specialty polymers and related products, such as packaging inks, adhesives and coatings. The modern, 55,000-square-foot facility sits on 22 acres of the Bryan Business Park and includes two production plants, a warehouse and an administrative office.

Toyo Ink officially broke ground on the land nearly one year ago to date. The facility is expected to significantly bolster the company's product development, production and customer service capabilities. "The Texas plant is part of Toyo Ink's strategy to better serve our US and global customer base and expand our presence in target growth markets such as industrial adhesives and coatings, and flexible packaging," says Fusao Ito, president of the Toyo Ink Group in the Americas. "We are pleased to leverage over a century of manufacturing expertise in the development of specialty products and materials right here on US soil."

The new facility is also part of an [economic development agreement signed January 23, 2007](#) between Toyo Ink and local partner The Research Valley Partnership, a public-private organization serving to boost economic growth in the Brazos County. In addition to expanding Toyo Ink's global footprint, the operating unit looks to play a positive role in the economic life and vitality of the region.

"We have invested more than \$20 million to construct and equip our factory and currently have 15 employees working here with plans to add more by the end of this year," remarked John Higgins, chief financial officer of Toyo Ink International Corp., the Americas regional headquarters, in his speech delivered at the opening ceremony. "It is our pledge to the people of Bryan that Toyo Ink will 'act as a responsible citizen coexisting with society and the earth' as we grow our business which we believe will help to further advance the quality of life in Bryan."

The Texas plant is Toyo Ink's second production site in North America. The company's first factory was established in 1988 in Conyers, Georgia, currently a manufacturing facility for specialty chemicals used in quality printing inks, plastic colorants and adhesives.

## **About Toyo Ink Mfg. America, LLC**

Founded in 1976 as a pigments distributor for the Toyo Ink Group, Toyo Ink Mfg. America, LLC has diversified its operations and is now a leading manufacturer and distributor of packaging inks, adhesives, organic pigments, specialty chemicals and polymers for coatings, for the North American marketplace. We work closely with our customers and engineers at Toyo Ink R&D laboratories in Japan, Europe and around the world to ensure customers receive the best product or material available. Toyo Ink Mfg. America is headquartered in Teaneck, NJ.

Toyo Ink Mfg. America is a member of the Toyo Ink Group headed by parent company Toyo Ink Mfg. Co., Ltd. of Japan. Established in 1907, the Toyo Ink Group is the world's third-largest printing inks manufacturer consisting of approximately 70 subsidiaries and partners in 17 countries across the globe. The Group offers a wide range of value-added products based on Toyo Ink's core colorants and resins technologies accumulated over the past century.

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