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EPI BEHIND TESCO 100% DEGRADABLE CARRIER BAGS

EPI Environmental Products Inc., the pioneer of oxo-biodegradable plastics, is pleased to announce it is supplying the technology behind TESCO Stores “100% DEGRADABLE” carrier bag program following an initial six month pilot. EPI’s TDPA™ Totally Degradable Plastic Additives is the technology that renders these carrier bags degradable and ultimately biodegradable, after use and disposal in a suitable disposal environment such as landfill and in soil. These bags can be reused and or recycled prior to degradation.

As part of their evaluation Tesco representatives, attended EPI’s International Scientific Advisory Board Meeting in July, 2003 where the merit of oxo-biodegradable technology was discussed with leading international scientists. They gave the green light after evaluating EPI’s technology along with other alternatives available in the market place.

EPI’s Chairman and CEO, Mr. Joseph G. Gho, stated: “We are delighted that Tesco shows such commitment to environmental responsibility. EPI looks forward to a continuing co-operation with Tesco with potential to extend the use of degradable packaging into other areas.” He added: “This co-operation has begun and EPI will work closely with Tesco’s preferred manufacturers and suppliers of commodity plastic products throughout the world.”



Tesco representative with Joseph G. Gho, EPI Environmental Products Inc. Chairman and CEO after EPI's International Scientific Advisory Board meeting holding Tesco's 100% Degradable carrier bags used in Tesco's Stores in the UK for over the last 6 months.

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Note to Editors:

EPI Environmental Products Inc. is the pioneer of oxo-biodegradable plastic technology developed over 10 years and holds 28 patents and 27 patent applications worldwide. Its TDPA™ totally degradable plastic additives are incorporated into commodity resins for processing on standard equipment yielding a cost-effective solution for responsible use and disposal of plastics in the environment.