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ZINSSER Acquires RTI International

Somerset, NJ (USA) June 2, 2005 – ZINSSER Co., Inc. recently completed the acquisition of RTI International Wallcoverings Pty Limited, of Sydney, Australia.

Founded in 1988 as an importer and distributor of wallcovering products, RTI became the exclusive distributor of ZINSSER products in Australia in 1991. Prior to the acquisition, RTI had full responsibility for the distribution of ZINSSER's line of paint primers, wallcovering products, clear finishes and products for the long-term prevention of mold and mildew to paint stores, co-ops and home centers throughout the continent.

"The acquisition of RTI gives ZINSSER the ability to significantly expand its presence in Australia," said John Bielecki, ZINSSER's Vice President International. "It also gives us a platform for expanding our distribution and launching new product lines throughout the region."

To facilitate ZINSSER's growth in the region, ZINSSER Asia Pacific Pty Limited was founded in January, 2005. Stanley Jankiewicz, ZINSSER's Australian sales manager and 20-year veteran of the coatings industry, was appointed Managing Director.

Headquartered in Somerset, NJ, ZINSSER Co., Inc. has been manufacturing and marketing innovative products to meet the needs of professionals and do-it-yourselfers since 1849. Its brands include Bulls Eye®, Cover Stain®, SHIELDZ®, DIF®, PERMA-WHITE® and WATERTITE®.

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