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DS Fiber Signs Ingeo™ Master License Agreement***NatureWorks LLC confirms DS Fibers as latest Licensee to produce Ingeo™ fiber in Europe***

Minnetonka, June 4, 2008. NatureWorks LLC is pleased to announce that Dennis McGrew, president and CEO of NatureWorks, will sign a new agreement with the major European fiber manufacturer, **DS Fibers** for the production of **Ingeo™** fiber innovations on June 4th 2008.

This is the third Master License Agreement to be inked for fiber production in 2008 and underlines NatureWorks' plan to grow its global **Ingeo™** fiber manufacturing presence across all continents, matching consumer demand for better, more responsible products. Along with increased biopolymer production, this agreement confirms that there is a new dynamic business direction today for the textiles industry: doing business differently, making contemporary goods with a natural origin, bringing performance without compromise in lifestyle products that have a powerful and compelling environmental message.

Based in Belgium and founded as part of a family business in 1898, DS Fibers is part of the **DS Textile Platform**, which includes a specialized Technical Nonwovens division producing landscape textiles for the horticultural industry. In addition they produce carpets for single use exhibition applications.

With a turnover exceeding 15 million Euros, and a production capacity of 25,000 tons of staple fiber per year, DS Fibers prides itself on offering a tailor-made service with industry partners, confirming the company's strength and understanding of their customers and market needs. With recent investments of more than 5 million euros to create a state of the art production line, the company can supply all types of staple fiber from 3.3 to 17 dtex suitable for a wide range of applications.

The decision to become a licensee for the production of **Ingeo™** fiber underlines DS Fibers strong commitment to a research program that is dedicated to responsible innovation.

*"We see NatureWorks LLC as a good strategic partner for all our existing and future activities because our company is committed to better environmental care on all levels. DS Fibers is the leader in Dope Dying technology, and when seen alongside our dedicated ongoing program for recycling, energy reduction through alternative sources such as windmills and waste management, **Ingeo™** brings our own vision of responsible innovation to life and helps us to offer all our customers better choices," – said Dirk De Saedeleir, technical director for DS Fibers.*

Ingeo™ innovations are made uniquely from NatureWorks® biopolymer



Ingeo™ represents an ingenious new material that's made from plants not oil. The many environmental benefits that come with this new brand include that it's derived entirely from annually renewable plant resources. **Ingeo™** innovations also use 65% percent less fossil fuel resources than the traditional polymers such as polyester and nylon, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 80-90%, making **Ingeo™** a unique brand catalyst for lower carbon footprint products and so affording better eco-profiles and a more environmentally appropriate option for the new generation of consumers who enjoy them.

Building on the last 5 years of fiber market development, NatureWorks and DS Fibers, with **Ingeo™**, can capitalize on the growing demand seen in Europe and beyond to help create a new generation of more environmentally friendly textiles. This movement will lead the market in fashion, home textiles, carpets, automotive materials, landscape fabrics and personal care items such as wipes, feminine hygiene products and diapers.

"DS Fibers understands the dynamic and uniqueness of their specialty fiber innovations, as well as the importance of communicating that message to the market, and this makes them a natural partner for us in Europe. We look forward to a strong partnership with them" comments Dennis McGrew, president and CEO, NatureWorks LLC.

NatureWorks LLC, DS Fibers and **Ingeo™**: making contemporary products for everyone to make better choices. Better for the planet, so better for consumers and ultimately better for business.

About NatureWorks LLC:

NatureWorks LLC is a company dedicated to meeting the world's needs today without compromising the earth's ability to meet the needs of tomorrow. NatureWorks LLC is the first company to offer a family of commercially available low carbon footprint biopolymers derived from 100 percent annually renewable resources with performance and economics that compete with oil-based plastics and fibers. The production of these biopolymers uses less fossil fuel and emits fewer green-house gases than conventional polymers. The company applies its proprietary technology to process natural plant sugars to make **NatureWorks®** biopolymer, which is then used uniquely to make and market finished products under the **Ingeo™** brand name. NatureWorks LLC is a joint venture between Cargill and Teijin Limited of Japan.

Ingeo, ingenious materials made from plants not oil.

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