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## VINYL INSTITUTE ADDS FIVE COMPANIES TO MEMBERSHIP

WAYNE, New Jersey, January 5, 1994 -- The Vinyl Institute has added five companies to its membership this past year, bringing the total to 26: The Geon Company (Cleveland, Ohio), formerly the Geon Vinyl Division of The BFGoodrich Co., has joined as a full member; Companhia Petroquimica Camacari (Brazil), Norsk Hydro A.S. (Norway), and Mitsubishi Kasei Vinyl Company (Japan) have joined as associate members; and BASF Corporation (Parsippany, New Jersey) has joined as an affiliate member.

The Institute's full members include 11 U.S. companies that either manufacture vinyl feedstocks, or vinyl resins and compounds. Associate members, of which there are five, represent foreign companies that do not have PVC manufacturing operations in the U.S.; and the Institute's eight affiliate members manufacture vinyl additives such as impact modifiers and processing aids. There also is a category for supporting members, currently comprised of two companies that produce vinyl film and sheet products.

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"The Institute is pleased to add these five companies to its roster," said Robert H. Burnett, executive director of the Vinyl Institute. "Each one is committed to the Institute's mission of aggressively and responsibly promoting the continued development of the vinyl industry, and has specifically expressed an interest in the various activities the Institute sponsors -- from recycling projects to developing international alliances."

The Vinyl Institute is a national trade association representing the leading manufacturers of vinyl (polyvinyl chloride or PVC), vinyl feedstocks, additives, and film and sheet products. The Institute is a division of The Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc. and is headquartered in Wayne, New Jersey.

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The Geon Company  
Georgia Gulf Corporation  
Occidental Chemical Corporation  
PPG Industries, Inc.  
Shintech Inc.  
Union Carbide Chemicals and Plastics Company, Inc.  
Vista Chemical Company  
Westlake PVC Corporation

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European Vinyls Corporation  
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