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Polyiso Manufacturers Experience Record Growth in 2004

Alexandria, VA – The Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association (PIMA) today announced that 2004 was a record breaking year for production of polyiso products. In 2004, PIMA members reported a 12.5% increase from 2003 by producing more than 5.4 billion board feet. This marks the largest increase in the last decade.

“This historic level of industry growth is driven by the demands of the building and design communities for energy efficient and sustainable building products,” said Jared Blum, president of PIMA. “Polyiso roof insulation continues to be a cost-effective insulation product delivering dependable, year after year energy efficiency benefits and superior performance in fire tests. We also firmly believe the introduction of the ground-breaking Quality Mark Third Party Certification program further drove demand for polyiso in 2004.”

All polyiso insulation manufactured by PIMA members utilizes a hydrocarbon-based blowing agent which has zero Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP) and virtually no Global Warming Potential (GWP). These blowing agents are U.S. Environmental Protection Agency compliant. Polyiso insulation is the answer to CFC and HCFC free specification requirements. Polyiso roof insulation now provides the specifier, designer, and architect with a Long Term Thermal Resistance LTTR-value equivalent to a 15 year time-weighted average R-value. In addition, LTTR is now third party certified through the PIMA Quality Mark Program administered by FM Approvals. For details on the Quality Mark program, including the products certified, go to the PIMA website.

PIMA is the national trade organization that advances the use of polyiso insulation, one of the nation's most widely used and cost-effective insulation products. PIMA's membership consists of manufacturers and marketers of polyiso insulation, as well as suppliers to the industry. For updates on this topic, please visit the PIMA Web site at www.PIMA.org, or call 301-654-0000.