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MECA Announces New Deputy Director

Washington, D.C. – The Manufacturers of Emission Controls Association (MECA) today announced the appointment of Dr. Rasto Brezny as its new Deputy Director. Dr. Brezny takes over the position previously held by Dr. Joseph Kubsh, who became MECA's Executive Director in November 2005.

Dr. Brezny received a B.S. degree in Ceramic Engineering from Ohio State University in 1983. After spending three years at Dow Chemical Company's R & D Center in Midland, Michigan, he obtained a Ph.D. in Ceramic Science from Penn State University. In 1990, Dr. Brezny joined W. R. Grace's Washington Research Center in Columbia, MD. After spending 11 years developing new materials for mobile source emission control applications, Dr. Brezny assumed several global positions in technical sales and marketing within Grace's automotive washcoat materials business, ending his career with Grace in March of 2006. His most recent position was Global Technical Marketing Manager. He has been a contributor in organizing numerous sessions on new materials technologies for emissions catalysis for the American Ceramic Society and has been a member of SAE for 13 years. Dr. Brezny holds 15 patents and has authored 24 papers, including several at SAE. Dr. Brezny has also been an active participant in MECA, serving as W.R. Grace's MECA representative for the past several years.

"I am very excited about Dr. Brezny joining our team at MECA," said Dr. Kubsh. "Rasto brings with him over 15 years of technical and commercial experience in the emission control industry, as well as first-hand experience with MECA's activities. With his proven knowledge and skills, he will be a great asset to our organization."

Founded in 1976, MECA is a national association of companies that manufacture a variety of mobile source emission control equipment for automobiles, trucks, buses, and off-road vehicles and engines, as well as stationary internal combustion engines. For more information on exhaust emission control technology, please visit MECA's web site at: <u>www.meca.org</u>.

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