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**Madico Accelerates Production and Reduces Costs with Zund Cutter**

*Investment Reinforces Commitment to Domestic Manufacturing*

**Woburn, MA – April 17, 2006** – Madico, Inc., one of the world’s largest manufacturers of scientifically engineered window films and photovoltaic backsheets, today completed the installation of a Zund cutting system at the company’s Massachusetts headquarters. The Swiss-made equipment will allow Madico to cut its photovoltaic, safety, defense healthcare and aerospace materials onsite with greater precision and efficiency.

The premium cutting system will drive the company’s development of new converted products across its industrial, graphics and film lines. Madico also plans to use the machinery to expand existing product offerings by cutting digitally created shapes out of its backsheet and film materials, as well as expedite shipping by automatically inspecting, marking and labeling finished goods during the cutting process.

“With the completion of this installation, Madico has become the first American manufacturer to integrate this conversion capability directly into its laminating and coating process,” said Frank Mannarino, specialty films sales manager, Madico.

Robert Connelly, president of Madico, put the installation in a more strategic context. “Our sizeable investment in the pioneering Zund cutting equipment reinforces our commitment to domestic manufacturing that leverages best-of-breed processes and technologies.”

Madico expects to derive a host of business benefits as from the strategic investment. It anticipates greater efficiency in finished product yield, reduced outsourcing costs, and better use of inventory resources. The company’s customers, which currently purchase entire uncut rolls of window films or photovoltaic backsheets, will now be able to purchase precise amounts of finished product rather than stock the raw material.

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### **About Madico Inc.**

Madico Inc. has been developing innovative materials for more than a century. An unrivaled commitment to research and development has enabled the company to pioneer a number of industry-first products and processes. Madico's cornerstone products are high performance photovoltaic backsheets and a suite of window films designed for virtually any application – view control, commercial and residential energy control, safety and security, and automotive. The company's corporate headquarters and manufacturing complex are located in Woburn, Massachusetts.

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