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FSA Appoints Stephen Tippet
to Board of Directors

(Wayne, PA, May 31, 2005) ... The Fluid Sealing Association is pleased to announce the appointment of Stephen W. Tippet to its Board of Directors. Mr. Tippet is the sole owner and President of Textiles Coated International (TCI), located in Amherst, New Hampshire. Since 1968, and prior to co-founding TCI in 1985, he worked for a number of companies in engineering and sales positions.

Mr. Tippet holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from West Virginia University and a Master of Business Administration degree in Finance from University of Bridgeport. He currently lives in New Boston, New Hampshire, with his wife of 36 years, Jacqueline. Their son, John, is CEO of TCI, and their daughter, Holly, is an employee of Head Start in Brattleboro, Vermont.

The Fluid Sealing Association (FSA) is an international trade association. Members are involved in the production and marketing of virtually every kind of fluid sealing device in the world today, including mechanical packings, gaskets, seals and expansion joints. Its membership, composed of the foremost companies of the industry, represents over eighty-five percent of the North American Market. For further information, visit their web site at www.fluidsealing.com.

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