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Metabolix Announces National Release of Gift Card by Target using Mirel Biobased Plastics

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec 03, 2007 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Metabolix, Inc. (NASDAQ: MBLX), a bioscience company focused on developing clean, sustainable solutions for plastics, fuels, and chemicals, announced today that Target (NYSE: TGT) has introduced in all 1,600 stores gift cards made using Mirel(TM) biobased plastic in time for the holiday shopping season. In July, Target test marketed gift cards made using Mirel in 129 of its stores.

Mirel is a family of biobased, sustainable and biodegradable plastics that provides an excellent alternative to traditional, petroleum-based plastics. Mirel also biodegrades in a wide range of environments including soil, home compost, wetlands, rivers and oceans unlike traditional persistent plastics.

Current Mirel production is from a pre-commercial plant while the commercial plant is under construction. Because Mirel is made from corn and the commercial plant will utilize renewable energy in its production, the environmental benefits will be significant. Unlike conventional plastics, Mirel will have a "negative CO2 footprint." In a recently-announced cradle to factory gate life cycle assessment (LCA) for Mirel bioplastic resin, Dr. Bruce Dale, professor of Chemical Engineering at Michigan State University, determined that its production reduces the use of nonrenewable energy by more than 95% and provides a 200% reduction in greenhouse gases (GHG) compared to production of conventional petroleum-based plastics.

About Metabolix

Founded in 1992, Metabolix, Inc. is an innovation driven bioscience company focused on providing sustainable solutions for the world's needs for plastics, fuels and chemicals. The Company is taking a systems approach, from gene to end product, integrating sophisticated biotechnology with advanced industrial practice. Metabolix is now developing and commercializing Mirel(TM) bioplastics, a sustainable and biodegradable alternative to petroleum based plastics. Mirel is suitable for injection molding, extrusion coating, cast film and sheet, blown film and thermoforming. Metabolix is also developing a proprietary platform technology for co-producing plastics, biofuels and chemical products in biomass energy crops such as switchgrass.

Metabolix and Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM) are commercializing Mirel through a joint venture called Telles. The first commercial scale Mirel production plant is being constructed adjacent to ADM's wet corn mill in Clinton, Iowa. The plant is expected to begin operations in late 2008 and is designed to produce up to 110 million pounds of Mirel annually. Mirel will reduce reliance on petroleum and decrease environmental impacts relative to conventional petroleum based plastics.

For more information, please visit www.metabolix.com. (MBLX-G)

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