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**Illinois Drivers Now Allowed to Experience the Full Benefits of Window Film;
CPFilms and Dealers Work with State Officials to Substantiate Savings**

ST. LOUIS October 30, 2009 – CPFilms Inc., the world's leading producer of automotive, residential and commercial window films, today announced a new opportunity for Illinois drivers. Illinois drivers are now allowed to apply window film to driver and passenger front side windows provided the visible light transmittance (VLT) is over 30 percent on rear windows. Window film can reject up to 50 percent of solar energy transmitted into vehicles, improving the comfort in vehicles and reducing the need for excessive air conditioning, resulting in improved fuel efficiency and lower CO₂ emissions.

The new legislation is a significant enhancement to Illinois law and provides options for our customers to receive the benefits of our products and also supports the enforcement community with better-defined laws including appropriate penalty provisions for illegal use. The major changes to the law are as follows:

- if the consumer chooses to have below 30% vlt on rear windows behind the driver, then no film is allowed on the front side windows.
- if the consumer has clear factory glass on all windows, then 35% vlt film can be installed on all side and rear windows.
- if the consumer has factory-installed privacy glass on rear windows, 50% vlt is allowed on front side windows (Ex: SUV, MPV, crossover, etc.)

There is a statutory 5% variance for all tinted windows.

Historically, the law in Illinois prohibited drivers from applying window film to the front side windows. Tony Zak of Performance Films Distributing, Steve Williams of Williams Enterprises and Dave Krause of Dave's Glass Tinting were key in helping substantiate

the overwhelming benefits of window film with lawmakers and law enforcement officials. HB3325, signed today, now allows window film on the front side windows. CPFilms, their Midwest distributor, and dealers worked together in this effort.

“This is a great example of how CPFilms works closely and diligently with its dealers and distributors to promote the benefits of window film in energy savings, UV protection, reduced CO2 emissions and comfort,” said Sal Abbate, General Manager, CPFilms Americas. “By quantifying the benefits to lawmakers and law enforcement personnel, CPFilms continues to help reduce energy consumption and promote green jobs.”

The revised law, a joint effort between the law enforcement community and the window film industry, is anticipated to create hundreds of new jobs within Illinois. “In the past we have had numerous customers come to us for help with issues of heat, glare and damaging UV rays entering their vehicles” said Steve Williams, owner of Williams Enterprises in Quincy, Illinois. “Because of legal tint restrictions, we have been unable to provide the products needed to fully service our customers. With the passing of the new amendment, we are preparing for a significant increase in demand.”

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Solutia (NYSE:SOA) is a market-leading performance materials and specialty chemicals company. The company focuses on providing solutions for a better life through a range of products, including: Saflex® interlayer for laminated glass; CPFilms® aftermarket window films sold under the LLumar® brand and others; and technical specialties including the Flexsys® family of chemicals for the rubber industry, Skydrol® aviation hydraulic fluid and Therminol® heat transfer fluid. Solutia’s businesses are world leaders in each of their market segments. With its headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri, USA, the company operates globally with approximately 3,100 employees in more than 60 locations. More information is available at www.Solutia.com.

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