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\$20 million Settlement Announced in Class Action with Shell
Canadian Owners of Polybutylene plumbing or heating systems may be eligible

VANCOUVER, BC— A new \$20 million class action settlement has been reached with Shell Oil Company regarding Polybutylene (PB) plumbing and/or heating systems. Canadians who own properties with PB systems may be eligible to partake in the settlement. This could include any past or present owners of a property with either a PB Plumbing System, a PB Yard Service Line, or a PB Hot Water Heating System. Another defendant, E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company previously settled.

“This has been a major problem—especially in areas like British Columbia, Alberta and Quebec,” says James M. Poyner, Partner, Poyner Baxter. “Both Shell Oil Company and E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company have done the right thing and put the interests of Canadian consumers first.”

Canadian property owners with PB systems who may be eligible, are encouraged to participate now as a ‘member of the settlement class.’ A new web site has been created to facilitate this process. Legal Notice, participant directions and all relevant forms can be found at www.polypipes.ca, by calling the Claims Administrator toll-free at 1-866-348-0333 or by contacting Class Counsel as noted at the conclusion of this information release.

Claim forms with supporting documentation must be mailed to the Claims Administrator, Suite 3-505, 133 Weber Street North, Waterloo Ontario N2J 3G9, postmarked no later than June 18, 2005. Those who are members of the settlement class, but **do not wish** to participate may be excluded by completing the opt-out form, postmarked before August 11, 2004.

Class Counsel includes representatives from the law firms Siskind, Cromarty, Ivey & Dowler LLP, Siskinds, Desmeules, Avocats and Poyner Baxter. The settlement applies to the following legal proceedings:

Furlan v. Shell Oil Company, et al., No. C967236,
in the Supreme Court of British Columbia,
Gariepy v. Shell Oil Company, et al., No. 307981/99,
Ontario Superior Court of Justice,
Couture v. Shell Oil Company, et al., No. 200 06-000001-985,
Quebec Superior Court of Justice

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About Polybutylene

PB Plumbing Systems are potable water supply systems containing plastic pipes made of PB and plastic or metal fittings. When used in the underground service from the water company to a structure, it is known as PB Yard Service Lines. PB Hot Water Heating Systems are indoor space heating systems that use PB pipe through which heated water circulates.

Additional Information and Questions for Class Counsel

Do not contact the Courts about this notice or the proceedings. Please address requests for additional information and any questions to the appropriate Class Counsel:

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