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ADVANCED COMPOSITE MATERIALS, LLC BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW MANUFACTURING FACILITY

February 12, 2009 (Greer, SC) - Advanced Composite Materials, LLC (ACM) today announced the expansion of its silicon carbide manufacturing facility. ACM broke ground on the new plant in January with an expected completion date in fall 2009.

The new manufacturing facility is located on ACM's site at 1446 S. Buncombe Road in Greer. ACM purchased the site in 2007, and its headquarters, manufacturing plant and R&D laboratory building was completed in early 2008. The new silicon carbide plant is part of ACM's master plan for the 1446 site. The master plan also calls for additional manufacturing and/or warehouse space as future needs arise.

Tom Quantrille, Ph.D., ACM's President, stated "This new manufacturing plant is part of our overall strategic plan to grow the company and supply ACM's innovative products to the markets we serve. We successfully completed Phase One in 2008. Now here in 2009, we move into Phase Two." ACM announced last year that over \$10 million in capital investment in plant and equipment is planned for the site.

ACM services a number of markets worldwide, and is a global leader in silicon carbide technology. ACM produces silicon carbide materials and reinforced ceramic products for the cutting tool industry. These products are used to machine very tough metals, such as super-alloys for the aerospace industry.

ACM also produces Silar® Microwave Absorbent Ceramic Products. The Silar® Microwave Grill and Flatstone enables ultra-fast cooking of foods while delivering exceptional quality. For example, Silar® can speed-grill sandwiches in as little as thirty seconds. In addition, it can cook pizzas in as little as 90 seconds. Silar® is the recipient of numerous technology awards, including the prestigious Kitchen Innovations™ Award from the National Restaurant Association.

For more information about Advanced Composite Materials, LLC and its products, please call 864-877-0123, visit their website at www.acm-usa.com, or send e-mail to info@acm-usa.com. For information about Silar® speed cooking technologies for the restaurant industry, please visit www.silarwave.com or send e-mail to silar@acm-usa.com.