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SILBOND CORPORATION AND TAL MATERIALS, INC. SIGN LICENSING AGREEMENT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - ANN ARBOR, MI; WESTON, MI – October 26, 2003 - Silbond Corporation (www.silbond.com) and TAL Materials, Inc. (www.talmaterials.com) announced that they have signed an agreement for Silbond to employ TAL's technology for the production of certain metal oxide and mixed metal oxide nanopowders.

TAL Materials, based in Ann Arbor, is a spin-off from the University of Michigan's Material Science and Engineering Department. TAL Materials' technology allows the production of custom-designed metal oxide and mixed metal oxide nanopowders in commercial quantities at competitive costs. These powders of very small-diameter, spherical particles, often having complex chemical composition, are difficult or impossible to produce by conventional powder production techniques.

Located in southeast Michigan, Silbond Corporation is the world's major producer of ethyl silicate, a principal precursor chemical for many of TAL Materials' nanopowders.

"Silbond's commercialization of TAL's technology will allow Silbond to significantly broaden its product offerings to current customers in the paint, catalysts and electronics fields, as well as supplying new customers with problem-solving products not previously available commercially," said Dr. William J. Corbett, Chairman and CEO of Silbond.

"This partnership allows both TAL and Silbond to meet the needs of customers in the rapidly developing field of nanopowders," said Peter Gray, President of TAL Materials. "When TAL undertakes the development of a nanopowder for a customer's application, one of the customer's first concerns is whether commercial quantities of affordable powders can be available following a successful development. TAL can now assure the customer that the potential for commercial supply exists."

About Silbond Corporation

Silbond Corporation is the world's major supplier of ethyl silicate. Strategically located in southeast Michigan, it formulates and manufactures a variety of products based on, or related to ethyl silicate. These are sold under the Silbond

trademark into the paint, chemical, foundry and electronics industries worldwide. For more information, visit www.silbond.com.

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About TAL Materials, Inc.

TAL Materials, Inc. (TAL) is a nanotechnology company providing nanopowder-based research and development solutions to corporate and government customers. TAL was founded in 1996 as a commercial spin-off from the Material Science and Engineering Department of the University of Michigan's College of Engineering. TAL's unique flame spray pyrolysis (FSP) technology enables production of a wide variety of complex mixed-metal oxide nanopowders, including rare-earth oxides, in large quantities and at competitive cost. This technology allows TAL to offer innovative materials solutions to a number of industries. For more information on TAL Materials, visit www.talmaterials.com.

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