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AMERICAN BIAxis INC. EXPANSION

Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 20, 2003 – Today, Winpak announced that American Biais Inc. (ABI) has commenced an expansion that will more than double production capacity. ABI manufactures multi-layer biaxially oriented polyamide (BOPA) film for sale in North America. The subsidiary will invest more than \$US 13 million in the project including the facility and machinery. Brückner Maschinenbau GmbH of Germany will supply the new film manufacturing line, which will include the latest technology. The Brückner machine will produce 4,200 tonnes per year, more than doubling the existing capacity. The additional BOPA film production is expected to be available to customers in the third quarter of 2004. The expansion will increase employment by 13 people.

The new line will include production features that improve output and product range from the existing capabilities. The addition of a coating station will enhance the ability to print the film. The design of the line will facilitate the manufacture of thinner gauge films at a faster rate. Both features will enable ABI to supply customers with specialty BOPA films that are in increasing demand.

ABI is a majority owned subsidiary of Winpak Ltd, which manages the plant and production. Nichimen Corporation is the minority shareholder and the distributor of the BOPA film in North America. Biais Oy, a sister company of ABI based in Finland, is a joint venture between Wihuri Oy, Winpak's majority shareholder, and Nichimen Corporation. The two Biais companies are significant suppliers of BOPA film and will hold approximately 15 percent market share worldwide.