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MRC Polymers engages in global information exchange with interns sponsored by Keep Chicago Beautiful

Chicago, IL – August 5, 2010 – “Beyond expectations” was an enthusiastic comment from graduate students from Israel’s Arava Institute of Environmental Studies as they recently walked the factory floor at MRC Polymers, Inc. in Chicago. Their summer internships are hosted by “Keep Chicago Beautiful,” which has taught the “Chicago Model” sustainability program as part of the “Waste In Place” curriculum to thousands of teachers nationwide for 20 years.

Yonat Mordoch, from Israel, and Mohammed Taher, from Jordan, attend the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies (AIES). It is the premier environmental education and research program in the Middle East, preparing future Arab and Jewish leaders to cooperatively solve the region's environmental challenges. Each year, one Israeli student and one Arab student spend six weeks in Chicago learning about public policy and technical environmental issues.

“As scientists, they were deeply interested in the proprietary, chemical-free processes that enable MRC to convert landfill-ready plastics to their purest form,” observed Andy Ponnusamy, MRC Quality/Regulatory division.

“Because of natural decomposition issues, plastic constitutes a great threat to the environment and I was very impressed by the way the company helps solve this problem,” remarked Mordoch. “MRC places importance on environmental values and I think that they should be a model for other factories and companies.”

“While water is the most significant environmental challenge in the Middle East, litter and pollution are substantial,” said Paul Binks, MRC President and CEO.

“We all have a stake in our impact on the environment,” Binks continued. “Our participation in the internship program was to emphasize that manufacturing through sustainability-driven processes can meet financial goals, while achieving a positive impact on the environment. This is a key message we hope the students will bring back to other young Middle East scientists.”

For information about MRC, call Paul Binks, President and CEO, at (248) 224-7569 or check our website at www.mrcpolymers.com.

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Caption: *Arava Institute graduate students, Yonat Mordoch and Mohammed Taher, tour MRC Polymers factory facility with Ananda (Andy) Ponnusamy, MRC Quality/Regulatory division.*

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