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Performance Fibers Names Brown Chief Executive Officer Sun Capital Partners Affiliate Appoints Former GE Executive to Helm

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 23, 2008 – Performance Fibers, a leading global supplier of fibers, fabrics and advanced materials, today announced it has named Richard C. Brown as chief executive officer. Performance Fibers is an affiliated portfolio company of Sun Capital Partners, Inc., a leading private investment firm specializing in leveraged buyouts and investments in market-leading companies.

Brown, a 23-year veteran of leadership positions in the chemicals and materials sectors with global business expertise, joins Performance Fibers from senior executive positions with W.R. Grace & Co. and General Electric Company.

“Rick Brown brings considerable experience running global businesses with a deep understanding of the performance chemicals and advanced materials industries that will be an asset to Performance Fibers as we continue to aggressively build the business by leveraging our global footprint and world-class operations,” said David A. Mezzanotte Jr., managing director of Sun Capital Partners.

Most recently, Brown was vice president of W.R. Grace and president of Grace Performance Chemicals, a \$1.4 billion global business with five operating units, where he developed a business strategy focused on optimizing the core business, expanding in global growth markets and focusing on innovation.

Prior to that, he spent 19 years with General Electric, including serving as president of GE Silicones - Core Products, where he grew core chemical product sales with a global focus. Among his other positions with GE was president of GE Sealants & Adhesives, where he grew GE’s consumer and construction sealants/adhesives business.

Brown received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of New Hampshire – Plymouth State and is Six Sigma certified.

Brown succeeds Greg Rogowski who has been named president of Performance Fibers' Americas business.

About Performance Fibers

Performance Fibers is a leading global supplier of high-tenacity polyester fibers and fabrics, Nylon-6, engineered fabrics, sewing thread fibers and advanced materials. With manufacturing facilities in North America, Asia and Europe, its products are used in a wide range of consumer and industrial applications. For more information, visit www.performancefibers.com.

About Sun Capital Partners, Inc.

Sun Capital Partners, Inc. is a leading private investment firm focused on leveraged buyouts, equity, debt, and other investments in market-leading companies that can benefit from its in-house operating professionals and experience. Sun Capital affiliates have invested in and managed 200 companies worldwide with combined sales in excess of \$40.0 billion since Sun Capital's inception in 1995. Sun Capital has offices in Boca Raton, Los Angeles, and New York, as well as affiliates with offices in London, Paris, Frankfurt, Tokyo, and Shenzhen. For more information, please visit www.SunCapPart.com.

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