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Viracon to Hold Ground Breaking Ceremony in St. George, Utah

OWATONNA, MN—5-12-06—Viracon, the industry's leading architectural glass fabricator, will officially begin construction of its new St. George, Utah, facility on Tuesday, May 16. The 9:30 a.m. groundbreaking ceremony will be held at the new facility's site, 1630 East Park Industrial Drive (4500 South), Ft. Pierce Industrial Park.

Speakers will include St. George Mayor Daniel D. McArthur, Don Pyatt, Viracon's president, Bill Wright, vice president of manufacturing for the new facility, and Jeff Edwards, president and CEO of the Economic Development Corporation of Utah. Carol Sapp, executive director of the Southern Utah Home Builders Association and chair of the Washington County Economic Development Council, will introduce the speakers to the audience of government and community dignitaries.

Architectural firm MRW Design, Inc., of St. George, designed the \$25 million facility, and Watts Construction, also of St. George, is the general contractor. This new facility will increase Viracon's glass fabrication capacity by approximately \$40 million at full capacity. The facility will open in April 2007, with approximately 150 employees. When fully operational, (within three years) the facility will employ between 250-300 employees.

Viracon's third and newest plant will be a comprehensive, full-fabrication facility, complete with two insulating glass lines, as well as tempering, laminating, coating and silk-screening production lines, according to Don Pyatt.

Directions: Drive south on River road to 4150 South, turn left (east) onto Commerce Drive and then turn right (south) onto 1630 East Street. Continue driving south to 4500 South, then turn right onto Park Industry Drive and follow signs.

Viracon, based in Owatonna, Minn., with a second plant in Statesboro, Ga., is an international company of Apogee Enterprises, Inc. Viracon produces high-performance glass products, including tempered, laminated, insulating, silk-screened and high-performance coatings. Apogee Enterprises, Inc. is a leading fabricator, distributor and installer of value-added glass products and systems. Headquartered in Minneapolis, the company's stock is traded on the NASDAQ Stock Market under the symbol APOG.

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