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GANA Announces Solar Panel at Glass Week

(TOPEKA) - The Glass Association of North America (GANA) announced today that its Mirror Division and Energy Committee are sponsoring a Solar Panel during Glass Week 2009. The Panel will take place on Friday, February 13, 2009, at the Palms Casino Resort in Las Vegas, starting at 12 p.m. and will be facilitated by Michael Ondrus, Glasstech, Inc. and incoming 2009 GANA President. In addition, the first official meeting of the GANA Energy Committee will commence following the panel, scheduled through 3 p.m.

Cheryl Kennedy is a Senior Scientist at National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) and will be speaking on Requirements and Potential for Concentrated Solar Power (CSP) Mirrors. Kennedy will outline the development, performance, and durability of solar reflector materials and research being performed to reduce the cost of electricity to a cost-competitive basis with conventional fossil power technologies. She will also estimate the CSP world-wide market opportunity for the glass industry.

Frank (Tex) Wilkins is the Concentrating Solar Power Team Leader in the Solar Energy Technologies Program at the Department of Energy in Washington, D.C. and will be speaking on Concentrating Solar Power (CSP). Wilkins will discuss the Department of Energy's plans for developing CSP technology through R&D and assistance to industry. He will also provide an estimate of CSP's market potential and how it may provide a market opportunity for the glass industry.

"Renewable energy is at the forefront of our national public policy agenda," said William Yanek, GANA Executive Vice President. "GANA's Energy Committee and Mirror Division will be leaders in the glass industry's participation in renewable energy initiatives. The GANA Solar Panel and Energy Committee meeting will begin to drive that effort."

With the influx of new technology and interest in the energy and solar markets, GANA will be providing a special registration for the Solar Panel and GANA Energy Committee at \$100. Registration may be completed online at www.glasswebsite.com/energy.

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Arch Solar Command is the presenting sponsor of the GANA Solar Panel. Take command of your solar needs with Arch Solar Command's innovative new mirror manufacturing techniques. Arch Solar Command is now North America's source for products that meet the demand for lower cost energy by manufacturing efficient concentrator CPV units for solar power plants. Arch Solar Command has developed new,

innovative manufacturing processes for silvering and coating bent glass and also shortened production time, and while making the mirrors more durable. Electric generating companies needing solar collectors and concentrators for utility-scale power plants now have options—from the manufacturer with over 30 years of mirror making expertise. Arch Solar Command is a family owned, American business, dedicated to providing the energy options this country needs.

The Glass Association of North America provides the organizational structure for addressing the needs of a diverse membership. Comprised of the Building Envelope Contractors, Decorative, Flat Glass Manufacturing, Insulating, Laminating, Mirror and Tempering Divisions and an Affiliate Classification, GANA provides a forum for exchanging information and ideas and presenting a unified voice on matters affecting the glass industry and for developing the management and technical sophistication needed to remain competitive in a constantly changing business environment.