

# News Release

For Further Information

[www.iisrp.com](http://www.iisrp.com)

Or contact: James L. McGraw

Email: [jlmcgraw@iisrp.com](mailto:jlmcgraw@iisrp.com)

713.783.7511 Ext. 222

PR 02.07

## **IISRP to Offer Affiliated Membership**

**Houston, Texas 26 April 2007**— The International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers (IISRP) announced today that effective 1 July 2007, it will offer Affiliated Memberships.

“This is a historical moment in our 47 years as a global association” stated James L. McGraw, the IISRP Managing Director and CEO. “Opening up the membership outside of synthetic rubber producers is a big step for us, but the time is ripe to include our industry partners in our ranks,” he added.

McGraw noted there had been many requests from non-producers over the last several years regarding membership. Following a feasibility study, the IISRP Board of Directors elected to establish a new class of membership called “Affiliated Members” at their Annual General Meeting in New Delhi, India, 16-19 April 2007. To be eligible to become an affiliated member, the company must be a supplier to the SR industry. Examples are: raw material and chemical suppliers, packaging suppliers and suppliers of services such as consultants. Letters of invitation will be extended to those meeting the criteria and upon return receipt of the application for membership, the IISRP Executive Committee will vote on the application just as done for regular membership.

Affiliated members will have access to the membership side of the IISRP website, discounts for publication purchases and the opportunity to be associated with a global organization having the stature of the IISRP.

For those wishing to apply or for more information contact James L. McGraw at 713.783.7511 ext 222 or email [jlmcgraw@iisrp.com](mailto:jlmcgraw@iisrp.com).

The IISRP is an international not-for-profit association with 40 corporate members domiciled in 21 countries who produce 90 percent of the world's supply of synthetic rubber. Incorporated in 1960 and headquartered in Houston, Texas, the Institute supports regional offices in Milan and Tokyo.