



Vitro Cristalglass Starts Operations in Gijón, Spain

- **Consolidates company's geographic expansion and value-added product strategy**
- **Strengthens Vitro's leadership position by integrating fifth European production facility**

San Pedro, Garza Garcia, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, May 27, 2004 -- Vitro Cristalglass, the European subsidiary of Vitro S.A. de C.V. (**BMV: VITROA; NYSE: VTO**), announced that its new production facility in Gijón, Spain, started operations on May 20, 2004. Located in the Porceyo Industrial Park, the new plant's latest generation double-glazing manufacturing line will serve the needs of current and future Asturias customers.

With this new facility, Vitro Cristalglass increases its manufacturing capability to five plants in Spain and Portugal and consolidates its growing position in Europe.

"This new manufacturing plant is in line with our strategy to increase our presence in Europe. This new facility provides our Asturias customers with a seamless, reliable source of double-glazing products now and into the future," said Federico Sada, Vitro's Chief Executive Officer.

With a total surface area of 3,000 square meters and a workforce of 35 employees, Vitro Cristalglass' new facility houses a latest generation double-glazing manufacturing line and an intelligent warehouse capable of optimizing raw-material inventory. The new plant required an investment of approximately \$3.5 million euros.

"We are proud to start operations in Asturias, a strategic market for Vitro Cristalglass. Thanks to the effort and commitment of government officials and key Vitro Cristalglass executives this plant is now operating," said Fernando Flores, Vitro's Flat Glass President.

Adrián Sada, Vice President of Vitro Cristalglass, added that, with the startup of this new facility, the company continues to broaden its strategic geographic diversity and to focus on value-added product growth.

Vitro Cristalglass is Spain's leading fabricator, distributor, and marketer of architectural and construction flat-glass products and, through its Vitro Chaves subsidiary, is a market leader in Portugal.

Vitro Cristalglass has eight facilities in Europe; five flat-glass processing facilities in Camponaraya (Leon), La Rozada (Villadecanes, Leon), Fuenlabrada (Madrid), Chaves (Portugal), and Porceyo (Asturias); and three distribution facilities in La Coruña, Valencia, and Barcelona.

The company is part of Vitro's Flat Glass business unit, which is dedicated to manufacturing, processing, and selling flat glass for the construction and automotive industries. In 2003 Flat Glass reported annual sales of US\$1.1 billion, or 49% of Vitro's consolidated annual sales.

For more information about Vitro Cristalglass, please access: www.cristalglass.es.

Vitro, S.A. de C.V. (NYSE: VTO; BMV: VITROA), through its subsidiary companies, is one of the world's leading glass producers. Vitro is a major participant in three principal businesses: flat glass, glass containers and glassware. Its subsidiaries serve multiple product markets, including construction and automotive glass; food and beverage, wine, liquor, cosmetics and pharmaceutical glass containers; glassware for commercial, industrial and retail uses, and aluminum containers. Vitro also produces raw materials and equipment and capital goods for industrial use. Founded in 1909 in Monterrey, Mexico-based Vitro has joint ventures with major world-class partners and industry leaders that provide its subsidiaries with access to international markets, distribution channels and state-of-the-art technology. Vitro's subsidiaries have facilities and distribution centers in nine countries, located in North, Central and South America, and Europe, and export to more than 70 countries worldwide. For further information, please visit our website at: <http://www.vitro.com>

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