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**GEO BEGINS CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PRODUCTION FACILITY FOR THE
CONTACT LENS AND PERSONAL CARE INDUSTRY, IN HYTHE, UK**

May 12, 2014, Ambler, Pa. – GEO Specialty Chemicals, Inc. (GEO) has begun construction of a new production facility at its Hythe UK site, designed to serve the fast growing contact lens and personal care markets.

The new facility will enhance and extend GEO’s existing manufacturing capabilities, especially in products for silicone-hydrogel contact lenses, and has been specifically designed to meet the needs of the contact lens and personal care industry, including operating to cGMP standards.

“This investment builds on our acquisition of Hythe in 2011 and underlines our commitment to growth in the contact lens and personal care industry and to the Hythe site,” said CEO and President Kenneth A Ghazey.

GEO offers a range of products and services to the contact lens and personal care industry, including high purity specialty monomers for conventional and silicone- hydrogel lenses, tinting systems, and tailor made, ready to use blends. With on site R&D laboratories and pilot plant facilities, through to full scale production equipment, GEO is an established development partner for contact lens and personal care manufacturers.

“The new facility builds on our long-standing expertise in supplying the contact lens and personal care industry. Our customers expect a high quality, first class experience all the way from product development to product delivery, and this purpose built facility will make sure we continue to deliver that,” said Nick Liptrot, Managing Director of GEO Specialty Chemicals UK Ltd.

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