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## **TASK2™ Declared “Readily Biodegradable” in Testing**

February 12, 2003 (*Perrysburg, Ohio*) – Master Chemical Corporation, supplier of metalworking fluids and recycling equipment, has been notified that TASK2™ exceeds the requirements of internationally accepted standards for labeling as "Readily Biodegradable."

Master Chemical Product Manager and Director of Marketing Frank Robinson announced the test results saying, “Having exceeded the requirements of OECD Method 301D, the test for Ready Biodegradability, TASK2 can now be labeled ‘Readily Biodegradable’.”

The test, an international standard for product labeling, measures degradation and inhibition of both consumer and industrial products. In the degradation testing, the time it takes a product to break down in the environment, TASK2 required just half the time allowed by the standard.

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While many products claim to be biodegradable, Master Chemical sought official documentation. “This is a highly regarded designation worldwide,” says Robinson. “It means TASK2 is one of the most user- and environment-friendly products available – strong on industrial grease and grime, yet safe for consumer use. We can, with confidence, say TASK2 will not harm the environment.”

TASK2 is currently being market tested with consumers for the tough jobs around the home – from automobile, boat and recreational vehicle care to backyard grills – even pre-treating greasy stains on laundry.

It is Master Chemical’s first foray into the competitive consumer market place. Robinson says, “Based on the product’s outstanding success in the industrial market and the tremendous feedback we’ve received from industrial users who tried TASK2 around the house and in the garage, we decided to take TASK2 to the consumer market.”

Safe for all metals, TASK2 cleans up carbon residue and oil-heavy and greasy soils from just about anything, including machine parts and tools, bench tops, walls, floors, vehicles, wheels, tires, fabrics, plastic laminates, glass and fiberglass.

As an industrial degreaser, TASK2 is used full strength from a convenient spray bottle or diluted in ultrasonic and agitated dip washers. A general, all-purpose cleaner, it also works well for steam cleaning, vibratory finishing and de-burring processes.

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In addition to being readily biodegradable, TASK2 has a mild pH and a very light, pleasant scent. TASK2 contains no silicates, phosphates, phenols, boron, biocides, CFCs or other chlorinated solvents. It's nontoxic, nonflammable, noncorrosive, noncaustic, and butyl-free.

Customers can purchase TASK2 in convenient 32-ounce, full-quart spray bottles, one-gallon bottles, five-gallon pails, drums or totes.

Headquartered in Perrysburg, Ohio, Master Chemical Corporation is a single-source supplier of metalworking fluids and recycling equipment. Founded in 1951 by Clyde Sluhan, Master Chemical products are designed to maximize productivity and minimize waste in the metalworking industry, thus improving customer product quality and profitability.

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