



## **Viratec's New Optium Anti-Reflective Coated Acrylic for the Display, Imaging, Art Framing, Vehicle, Aviation, Furniture and Store Fixture Markets**

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FARIBAULT, Minn., Nov 6, 2001 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Viratec Thin Films, Inc. announced today the availability of its new lightweight, Optium(TM) anti-reflective coated acrylic. Designed for the demanding optical requirements of the LCD monitor, LCD TV, projection television, and custom art framing markets - it's also the solution for any type of harsh lighting environment such as those found in vehicle and aviation instrumentation applications. The superior optical qualities, combined with an abrasion resistant finish and a lightweight substrate, make it an attractive alternative to glass for the home furniture and store fixture markets as well. Viratec, a subsidiary of Apogee Enterprises, Inc. of Minneapolis, MN USA (Nasdaq:APOG), is the world's leading manufacturer and supplier of optical thin film coatings for the display and imaging markets.

"Our new Optium(TM) anti-reflective acrylic reduces unwanted glare and reflection to virtually nothing, thanks to our patented coating process," said Kurt Ruefenacht, Viratec's Director of Sales and Marketing. "Since this is an acrylic substrate, it's half the weight of glass and provides increased strength and durability. With the abrasion resistant finish, our anti-reflective and optically clear acrylic will resist marring and damage, which means your display and imaging applications will look great for years to come."

Viratec Thin Films' parent company, Apogee Enterprises ([www.apog.com](http://www.apog.com)), is a world leader in technologies involving the design and development of value-added glass products, services and systems. Viratec specializes in the manufacture of large volume, vacuum-deposited optical thin film coatings on glass and plastic substrates. For further information, contact (E-mail) [sales@viratec.com](mailto:sales@viratec.com), Viratec Thin Films, Inc., 2150 Airport Drive, Faribault, MN 55021 USA (Telephone) 507-334-0051, (Fax) 507-334-0059, Internet: <http://www.viratec.com>.

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