**NEWS RELEASE**

**For immediate release**

**DATE:** 4th January 2013

**TITLE: Magma Ceramics & Catalysts acquires South American production facility**

Magma Ceramics & Catalysts has recently expanded its focus in the worldwide catalyst market with the acquisition of an **11,000m² contract manufacturing facility located approximately 20km north of Rio de Janeiro, aimed** specifically at customers working in and around South America.

"Our investment in a South American facility will strengthen our supply chain and improve interactions with our key customers. We anticipate that this new facility will further enhance our ability to develop and build strong partnerships with our customers, enabling us to work together to develop solutions more quickly and comprehensively than before," explained Mark Stuckey, Magma’s Managing Director.

“The Brazil operation is overseen by UK personnel, including an experienced team of chemical engineers and technicians. This allows us to maximise the opportunities available in Brazil and demonstrate our commitment to our customers.”

Magma has now completed test production in Brazil and, alongside commissioning the laboratory, entered trial production in December 2012. From January 2013, the facility will commence manufacture of a range of catalyst products for customers operating in the petrochemical and natural gas markets. Magma, in common with its UK site, is able to provide independent production and service solutions for those companies requiring contract manufacturing and development facilities.

For further information, visit [www.magmaceramics.com](http://www.magmaceramics.com).

# # #

**About Magma Ceramics & Catalysts:
Magma Ceramics was established in February 2010 following a management buyout (MBO) of the former Dyson Group business, Dyson Precision Ceramics.** In the two and a half years following conclusion of the MBO, Magma has expanded into the catalyst marketplace, becoming Magma Ceramics & Catalysts.

**Magma Ceramics & Catalysts is now a supplier of a wide range of refractory, ceramic and catalyst materials throughout the world and is currently** experiencing significant growth. With the backing of strong technical and financial resources, and a wealth of practical experience, Magma’s mission is ‘to grow and develop our business in order to offer increased product range and flexible manufacturing capabilities, worldwide’.

**For more information about Magma Ceramics & Catalysts, please contact:**

Vicky Hannon – Marketing Manager

Magma Ceramics & Catalysts

Tel: +44(0)1924 468201

Mobile: +44(0)7528 822844

Email: v.hannon@magmaceramics.com