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ZOLTEK CEO SPEAKS AT CONFERENCE

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI — September 7, 2006 — Zoltek Companies, Inc. announced today that Zsolt Rumy, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, will present at the ThinkEquity Partners LLC 4th Annual Growth Conference to be held at the Ritz Carlton in San Francisco, California on Monday, September 11, 2006 at 9:00 am Pacific Time. The presentation will review the Company's performance and growth strategy.

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This press release contains forward-looking statements, which are based upon the current expectations of the Company. Because these forward-looking statements are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties, there are a number of factors that could cause the Company's plans, actions and actual results to differ materially. Among these factors are the Company's ability to: re-activate its formerly idle manufacturing facilities on a timely and cost-effective basis, to meet current order levels for carbon fibers; successfully add new capacity for the production of carbon fiber and precursor raw material; execute plans to exit its specialty products business and reduce costs; achieve profitable operations; raise new capital and increase its borrowing at acceptable costs; manage changes in customers' forecasted requirements for the Company's products; continue investing in application and market development; manufacture low-cost carbon fibers and profitably market them; and penetrate existing, identified and emerging markets. The timing and occurrence (or non-occurrence) of transactions and events that determine the future effect of these factors on the Company, as well as other factors, may be beyond the control of the Company. The Company undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this press release.