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ZOLTEK TO CHALLENGE JURY VERDICTS

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI — **November 29, 2006** — Zoltek Companies, Inc. reported that it will challenge the verdicts handed down today by a jury in a lawsuit pending in federal court in St. Louis. The jury found that Zoltek had breached its obligations under a supply agreement for carbon fiber. The jury ruled in favor of the plaintiffs on one count of damages of \$21 million and on a second count of \$15 million. Although the outcome of this litigation is inherently uncertain, Zoltek believes it has strong legal grounds to overturn these verdicts and will file post-trial motions challenging the jury's verdicts in several fundamental respects.

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