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## **Georgia Gulf Elects New Chairman and New Board Member**

Atlanta, Georgia – September 19, 2001 – The board of directors of Georgia Gulf Corporation (NYSE: GGC) at its quarterly meeting on September 11, 2001 announced the election of Edward A. Schmitt as chairman. He succeeds James R. Kuse who had served as chairman of the board from the company's inception until his death in May. Mr. Schmitt's appointment is effective immediately.

“After working more than 30 years in the chemical industry and serving as CEO and board member since 1997, Ed was the obvious choice for the position,” said Jerry R. Satrum, former CEO and current board member, Georgia Gulf Corporation. “Ed will not only be a strong leader for our board, but this position will allow him to build on his already extensive list of accomplishments with Georgia Gulf and the industry.”

In addition, the board of directors elected Ruth I. Dreessen as a new board member. Ms. Dreessen will stand for re-election to a three-year term at the Company's next annual meeting of stockholders in May 2002.

Ms. Dreessen is currently a managing director with JPMorgan Chase & Co. but will be retiring in November. She joined Chase Manhattan Bank in 1980 in the International Department. In 1987, she began developing chemical industry relationships focusing on the entrepreneurial sector of the industry. In 1994, Ms. Dreessen opened the Houston office of the Global Chemicals Group

and has built a full service investment banking practice with chemical industry clients in the South and Gulf Coast regions.

“Ruth Dreessen brings tremendous industry experience in finance and investment banking to our board,” said Edward A. Schmitt, president and chief executive officer. “I am looking forward to her insight and contributions as a member of our board of directors.”

The board also declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.08 per share on its common stock, payable on October 12, 2001 to stockholders of record at the close of business on September 24, 2001.

Georgia Gulf, headquartered in Atlanta, is a major North American manufacturer and marketer of two highly integrated product lines, chlorovinyls and aromatics.

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