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### **TRIVEX NAMED 'BEST IN LENS MATERIALS' BY OPTICAL LABORATORIES ASSOCIATION**

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 17, 2002 — Trivex lens material from PPG Industries was granted the prestigious Optical Laboratories Association (OLA) Award of Excellence in the 'Best in Lens Materials' category for 2002.

The revolutionary eyeglass lens material delivers the unprecedented combination of excellent optics, impact resistance, thin and ultra-lightweight qualities in a single material.

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards of Excellence Presentations were conducted during the annual OLA meeting at its President's Dinner at the Indianapolis Convention Center in Indianapolis.

Each year the OLA membership selects manufacturers whose products make outstanding contributions to the ophthalmic community.

"It's an honor to receive this distinction so soon after lenses made with Trivex material became available," said Gerard F. Dooley, commercial development manager of optical products for PPG Industries. "We know that laboratories and eyecare professionals have been pleased with the material and are especially delighted to receive recognition from such a highly respected industry association."

OLA is an international association founded in 1894 to serve the needs of the optical laboratory industry. The association sponsors an annual international exposition and conference – "The OLA" – the world's largest show exclusively for optical laboratories.

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More information on Trivex lens material is available at [www.ppgtrivex.com](http://www.ppgtrivex.com) or by contacting Dooley at (412) 434-3661 or via e-mail at [gdooley@ppg.com](mailto:gdooley@ppg.com).

PPG Industries is the world's leading maker of optical resins and introduced the first hard resin lens material, CR-39 monomer, in 1947. It is the majority owner of Transitions Optical, which is the leading supplier of photochromics to optical manufacturers worldwide. In addition to optical coatings and monomers, PPG is a leading global supplier of specialty and industrial chemicals, coatings, flat and fabricated glass, and fiber glass. With 120 manufacturing locations and equity affiliates in 23 countries, sales in 2001 were US\$8.2 billion.

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