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### **American Trade Products Launches 100 Percent Biodegradable Earth Plastic™ Material** **Earth Plastic™ Paint Trays and Sundries Available at The Home Depot, Wal-Mart and Sherwin-Williams**

**ATLANTA** – April 14, 2009 – American Trade Products (ATP), an industry leader in thermoformed plastic products, introduced Earth Plastic™, a revolutionary plastic material that is 100 percent biodegradable, made from recycled plastic and a proprietary blend of additives that enables it to break down in landfill and compost environments. It is also 100 percent recyclable. Unlike traditional plastics which do not biodegrade, Earth Plastic™ additives enable microorganisms to break down the molecular structure of the plastic into soil-like material that is not harmful to the environment.

#### **First Earth Plastic™ Products: Paint Trays and Sundries**

The first consumer products made with Earth Plastic™ are a line of 100 percent biodegradable paint trays and sundries currently available at The Home Depot, select Wal-Mart stores, and Sherwin-Williams across the country.

Earth Plastic™ can be used to manufacture thousands of eco-conscious plastic products which have the identical look, durability, function and shelf-life of non-biodegradable plastic products and are competitively priced.

Dan Limerick, president of American Trade Products, said, “After years of focusing on innovative, eco-friendly products, we are excited to introduce Earth Plastic™, which we believe can transform the plastics industry. We are improving the environment with products that are not only totally biodegradable but are also made with millions of pounds of recycled plastic that could otherwise sit in landfills indefinitely.”

Earth Plastic™ is a natural extension of ATP’s 20-year commitment to providing consumers with earth-friendly yet competitively priced products. Whether disposed of in landfills, compost heaps or other locations, Earth Plastic™ products biodegrade within approximately two to five years depending on conditions.

Earth Plastic™ additives have been tested and certified as biodegradable by independent laboratories using American Society of Testing Materials’ (ASTM) standard methodologies. ASTM International is one of the world’s largest and most reputable organizations for developing technical standards for materials, products, systems, and services.

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**About American Trade Products**

Based in Ball Ground, Ga., American Trade Products (ATP) is an industry leader in 100% recyclable thermoformed plastic products including painting, storage and plumbing lines. Products are currently available in America's largest retailers such as The Home Depot, Lowe's, Wal-Mart and Sherwin-Williams as well as numerous independent retailers nationwide. Founded in 1990, ATP has long been a pioneer in environmentally-friendly products. ATP products, made from 100 percent recycled plastic, prevent more than 60 million plastic bottles from entering landfills annually. ATP has recently introduced Earth Plastic™, a revolutionary plastic material that can be used in the manufacture of 100 percent biodegradable products. All products are proudly made in the U.S.A. For more information, visit [www.americantradeproducts.com](http://www.americantradeproducts.com) and [www.earthplastic.com](http://www.earthplastic.com)

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