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### **California Man Arrested, Charged with Alleged Violations of Alabama Securities Act**

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA (Oct. 27, 2010) Ellen I. Brooks, District Attorney for the 15th Judicial Circuit, Montgomery County, Alabama; and, Joseph P. Borg, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission (ASC), announce the arrest of Peter George Szondy, a resident of Woodland Hills, California, for alleged violations of the Alabama Securities Act. Szondy turned himself in to Montgomery County authorities Oct. 19, was arrested and placed under \$75,000 bond. He subsequently made bond and was released.

As a result of an investigation by ASC Enforcement Division agents, an eight-count indictment was returned against Szondy by a Montgomery County Grand Jury in September, 2010 alleging three counts of Sale of Unregistered Securities; two counts of Sale of Securities by an Unregistered Agent; and, three counts of Fraud in Connection with the Sale of Securities. All Charges are Class C felonies under Alabama law.

The indictment alleges that Szondy, doing business as Polymer Global Holdings, Inc., a Nevada corporation with a Woodland Hills, California business address, offered and sold promissory notes, put contracts and shares of his company's stock, valued collectively at approximately \$650,000, to an Alabama investor between 2005 and 2008. The indictment further alleges that Szondy, acting as vice president of Polymer Global Holdings, Inc., failed to repay the notes and put contracts to the Alabama investor as promised and further misled the investor by failing to disclose that neither he, the company nor the investments offered and sold were registered and licensed with the ASC as required by law. ASC records indicate that Szondy was not registered with the ASC to conduct securities business within or into Alabama and there is no record of registration for the securities Szondy allegedly offered and sold to the Alabama investor. The ASC expects additional arrests related to this case.

The ASC cautions potential investors to thoroughly scrutinize and research any investment opportunity or offer. Contact the ASC with inquiries concerning securities broker-dealers, agents, investment advisers, investment adviser representatives, financial planners, registration status of securities or debt management programs, to report suspected fraud or to obtain consumer information. The ASC provides free investor education and fraud prevention materials in print, on our website and through educational presentations upon request.

(NOTE: An arrest or indictment is not evidence that the defendant committed the crime(s) charged. The defendant is presumed innocent until the government meets its burden of proving guilt beyond reasonable doubt in court).