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Singly Bonded Layered Polymeric Nitrogen (LP-N)¹ CHOONG-SHIK YOO, DANE TOMASINO, MINSEOB KIM, Washington State Univ, JESSE SMITH, HPCAT/APS, Geophysical Laboratory — We report the discovery of novel nitrogen phase synthesized using laser-heated diamond anvil cells at pressures well above the stability field of cg-N. This new phase is characterized by its singly bonded, layered polymeric (LP) structure similar to the predicted Pba2 and two colossal Raman bands, arising from two groups of highly polarized nitrogen atoms in the bulk and surface of the layer, respectively. The present result also provides a new constraint for the nitrogen phase diagram, highlighting an unusual symmetry lowering 3D cg-N to 2D LP-N transition and thereby the enhanced electrostatic contribution to the stabilization of this densely packed LP-N.

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