

PRESS RELEASE

ALBIS PLASTIC receives international distribution rights from SIPOL

➤ ALBIS adds Ether Ester Thermoplastic Elastomer SIPOLPRENE® to its TPE portfolio

Hamburg, 25. July 2013. ALBIS PLASTIC GmbH, the Hamburg-based European specialist in distribution and compounding of technical thermoplastics, takes over the marketing activities of SIPOLPRENE®, the Ether Ester Thermoplastic Elastomer from the company SIPOL SpA. The distribution agreement applies to all ALBIS' sales offices and areas of responsibility, with exclusivity rights in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France, United Kingdom and Ireland.

"The expansion of the TPE portfolio of ALBIS PLASTIC to include SIPOLPRENE® is an important step for us. It is the perfect complement to our established TPE portfolio which is already successful in nearly all sales regions", said Wilhelm Lemme, Director Business Line Advanced Products at ALBIS PLASTIC.

The SIPOLPRENE® brand from SIPOL which so far is particularly well known in Southern Europe has a lot of potential for further international markets. "The combination of SIPOL's flexibility and technical competence, typical for a medium-sized Italian company, and ALBIS's strong technical and commercial presence in the markets will allow both parties to further strengthen their market position through customer satisfaction and continuous technical innovation", adds Dr. Cattaneo, Managing Director of SIPOL SpA.

SIPOL SpA profile in brief

SIPOL SpA is based in Mortara (30 km west of Milan) and focuses exclusively on the polymerisation of specialty co-polyesters and co-polyamide based products.

Sipol is active in the field of Engineering Plastics with its range of SIPOLPRENE®, a TPC-ET family of products based on ether-ester with hardness between 25 and 72 Shore D. Sipol was founded in 1998 and currently employs 32 people. Its main business is the development and manufacturing of hot-melt adhesives for niche applications in the footwear industry, in textile lamination and of the air/oil filters' manufacturing.

For more information, please visit <http://www.sipol.it>

ALBIS PLASTIC profile in brief

ALBIS PLASTIC is one of Europe's leading companies in the distribution and compounding of technical thermoplastics. In addition to the product portfolio of well-known plastic manufacturers, ALBIS offers the plastic processing industry a diverse product range of high performance plastics, compound solutions and masterbatch. In the 2012 business year, the ALBIS Group, which has approximately 960 employees, achieved sales of 753 million euros. With 17 subsidiaries, the Hamburg-based company is represented in many European countries as well as in North Africa, the Far East and North America. ALBIS manufactures plastic compounds and masterbatch at three locations in Europe – Hamburg (Germany), Zülpich (Germany) and Manchester (United Kingdom), as well as in the new production site at Changshu, China. For more information, please visit <http://www.albis.com>.

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