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PRESS INFORMATION

SOLVAY expands cooperation with ALBIS PLASTIC in the area of high performance plastics

The Hamburg based distributor ALBIS PLASTIC (D-20539 Hamburg; www.albis.com) strengthens its portfolio in the area of high performance plastics by the addition of PEEK based product lines of SOLVAY (Brüssel / Belgien; www.solvay.com). On the occasion of the FAKUMA fair (October, 18. through 22. 2011 in Friedrichshafen; www.fakuma-messe.de) both companies will present the expansion of their European collaboration regarding the distribution of the Spire® product range.

As one of the leading European distributors, ALBIS PLASTIC will enforce the market development for KetaSpire® (PEEK) and AvaSpire® (PAEK). Both companies already share a more than 10 year history of successful cooperation in the area of Amodel® (PPA) and Xydar® (LCP) product series.

“We are proud to expand our collaboration with the world’s leading company for high performance plastics. With this step, we expect to further improve our abilities to support our customers in coping with the high challenges in the automotive, medical, electronics and aerospace industries.” comments Dr. Alexander Sunder, Director Distribution at ALBIS PLASTIC.

“We are very pleased to partner with ALBIS PLASTIC, a thermoplastic distributor recognized and respected for excellence in delivering technical support and service. More importantly, we consider ALBIS PLASTIC to be an extension of our European sales and market development force to support our activities in the region, serving the high demanding market places with KetaSpire® (PEEK) and AvaSpire® (PAEK).“ comments Ralf Wilczynski, Sales Development Manager Solvay Specialty Polymers.

SOLVAY profile in brief

SOLVAY is an international industrial Group active in Chemistry. It offers a broad range of products and solutions that contribute to improving quality of life. The Group is headquartered in Brussels and employs about 14,800 people in 40 countries. In 2010, its consolidated sales amounted to EUR 7.1 billion. Solvay is listed on Euronext Brussels (NYSE Euronext: SOLB.BE - Bloomberg: SOLB.BB - Reuters: SOLBt.BR). Details are available at www.solvay.com.

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. During the last business year the ALBIS Group, which has ca. 900 employees, achieved a turnover of 650 million euros.

The Hamburg-based company has 16 subsidiaries and is represented in many European countries as well as the Far East and North America. ALBIS manufactures plastic compounds and masterbatch at three sites in Europe – Hamburg (D), Zülpich (D) and Manchester (UK).

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