

PRESS RELEASE

ALBIS PLASTIC now offers branched PPS compounds

- **TORELINA products from TORAY complement ALBIS' own portfolio of high-performance plastics connected to their linear PPS compound TEDUR**
- **ALBIS PLASTIC expands the PPS range via distribution partnership with TORAY and enhances market position against the background of growing demand**

Hamburg, 11. September 2013. For many years ALBIS PLASTIC GmbH, Hamburg, has met the highest of quality requirements in the field of linear polyphenylene sulphide (PPS) compounds: the company's own product TEDUR, which stands out thanks to its extremely high mechanical properties, is mainly used in complex applications. Also, this global specialist for the distribution and compounding of technical thermoplastics can now offer its customers branched PPS compounds. These are highly suitable for use in the field of standard applications for PPS with glass fibre 40% or glass fibre/mineral 65% by virtue of their better performance.

ALBIS PLASTIC has been able to expand its PPS range thanks to the recently concluded distribution partnership with the Japanese TORAY Group, one of the world's leading PPS producers. As of now, their branched PPS compounds TORELINA A504X90 (PPS GF40) and TORELINA A310MX04 (PPS GF/MR65) are part of the ALBIS delivery program. The cooperation not only covers most of Western Europe, it also services the Balkan countries and growing markets in East Europe including Russia.¹ In addition, it will ensure that ALBIS customers can also order further TORELINA types from TORAY based on branched PPS polymers to meet project requirements.

ALBIS PLASTIC has expanded its PPS product range to meet the steadily rising global demand, which has a current growth rate of almost 8 percent. The automotive and electronics industries in particular have a high demand for TEDUR and TORELINA. In addition to their resistance to high-temperature and form stability, as well as their excellent resistance to oil and chemicals, they

¹ ALBIS PLASTIC has secured the distribution rights for TORELINA A504X90 (branched PPS GF40) and TORELINA A310MX04 (branched PPS GF/MR65) for the following countries: Albania, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Germany, Greece, CIS states, Croatia, Liechtenstein, Luxemburg, Macedonia, Moldavia, The Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Rumania, Russia, Switzerland, Serbia/Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Hungary and Ukraine.

also stand out thanks to their high rigidity and hardness properties. TEDUR and TORELINA are also dynamically resilient, absorb little water and, thanks to their slight fluidity and broad processing window, they are easy to use in production processes.

Complementary application scopes

By virtue of the excellent material properties, ALBIS customers use TEDUR (linear PPS compounds) for complex applications, for instance in the production of integrated shaft seals for motors, lamp reflectors for front or halogen lights, or pump parts in the automotive industry and mechanical engineering sector. In the future, the branched PPS compounds TORELINA A504X90 (PPS GF40) and TORELINA A310MX04 (PPS GF/MR65) of the distribution partner TORAY will be used wherever the properties of branched PPS compounds are required.

Cooperation opens new markets

"ALBIS PLASTIC enjoys a reputation for its high quality polymer products and, in particular in connection with TEDUR, it has valuable technical know-how and expertise in the PPS field," emphasises Ingo Maier, head of sales and marketing at the TORAY Group. "Thanks to its organisational structure and position in the European market, we believe ALBIS PLASTIC is an ideal distribution partner for bringing our products into the target markets."

"TORAY is one of the world's leading producers in the PPS sector. This new cooperation represents a strategic expansion of our product portfolio and forms the basis for improving our market position as a specialist for technical compounds", says a pleased Söhnke Müller, Director Business Unit Technical Compounds Specialities at ALBIS PLASTIC GmbH. "These new distribution rights make us more interesting in the PPS sector, allowing us to meet rising demand and offering our customers all products from one source."

TORAY profile in brief

The TORAY Group is a Japanese company with headquarters in Tokyo. The company was founded in 1926. It has a global workforce of around 40,000 in the sectors: plastics, chemicals, IT and telecommunications, filament and carbon fibres, compound materials. TORAY's European head office is located in Neu-Isenburg near Frankfurt am Main in German Hesse. TORAY produces the PPS basic polymer in Tokyo in Japan; the annual nominal capacity was increased from 14,000 to 19,000 tonnes to meet global demand. The compounding systems for the PPS are operated in Japan and at two sites in China. For more information, please visit <http://www.toray.com>.

ALBIS PLASTIC profile in brief

ALBIS PLASTIC is one of the global operating 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 masterbatches. In the 2012 business year, the ALBIS Group, which has approximately 985 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 masterbatches 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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