

PRESS INFORMATION

ALBIS to offer the antimicrobial protection of Biomaster

Biomaster's ISO 22196:2011 approved technology to complement Masterbatch and Compound products from ALBIS PLASTIC in hygiene-sensitive areas of use

Hamburg, 18. March 2013. ALBIS PLASTIC GmbH, one of Europe's leading specialists for the distribution and compounding of technical thermoplastics with headquarters in Hamburg, has announced a cooperation agreement with additives manufacturer Addmaster (UK) Ltd., Stafford/Great Britain involving antimicrobial additives. Based on this, ALBIS PLASTIC will in the future offer products formulated with Addmaster's (UK) silver based Biomaster technology which considerably reduces the growth of microorganisms. These ALBIS products involve both Masterbatches (ALBIS Additive-Batch Hygienic Material) as well as Compounds (ALCOM Hygienic Material). Both ALBIS solutions will carry the "Biomaster Protected" label and are registered in accordance with the German Ordinance on Notification of Biocidal Products (ChemBiozidMeldeV) at the registration office for biocides of the BAUA (Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health). The goal of the application is to equip plastics, without having to coat them, for hygiene-critical areas of use with antimicrobial properties for the secure prevention of the growth of germs and bacteria.

"We are very pleased about our collaboration with ALBIS, which offers Biomaster's customers another option of using pre-compounded materials and masterbatches with certified quality. Aligning the market leading Biomaster antimicrobial technology with the reputation of ALBIS PLASTIC is part of our strategic plan," explains Paul Morris, Managing Director of Addmaster (UK) Ltd. "We want to make it as easy as possible for our customers to include Biomaster in their polymer products. This is now also being supported by the extensive technology and marketing expertise of both companies."

“This agreement perfectly suits our orientation to speciality solutions,” commented Marcel Wiesner, Product Specialist Masterbatches at ALBIS PLASTIC. “Hygienic solutions, particularly those for antimicrobial protection, are experiencing more and more attention in Europe. By combining Biomaster’s brand and know-how with the expertise in compounding technology and the Europe-wide sales network of ALBIS PLASTIC we are now able to offer our customers a wide range of antimicrobial polymers such as PE, PP, ABS, PC, PA and many more.”

The new agreement covers Europe and includes the possibility of a co-branding of the Biomaster brand and logo.

Addmaster® profile in brief

The Biomaster Protected® brand is a silver based antimicrobial additive from Addmaster (UK) Ltd. with headquarters in Stafford/UK. Biomaster® provides effective antimicrobial product protection from the growth of harmful bacteria such as MRSA, E.coli, listeria, salmonella, campylobacter, legionella and pseudomonas. Biomaster Protected products are independently tested to ISO 22196:2011 (for non-porous surfaces) and ISO 20743:2007 (for porous surfaces) and typically achieve a reduction in bacteria of greater than 99%. Biomaster ® and Biomaster Protected ® are registered trademarks of Addmaster ® (UK) Ltd. Further information on: www.addmaster.co.uk and www.biomastertechnology.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. 960 employees, achieved a turnover of 753 million euros. The Hamburg-based company has 17 subsidiaries and is represented in many European countries as well as North Africa, the Far East and North America. ALBIS manufactures plastic compounds and masterbatch at three sites in Europe – Hamburg (D), Zülpich (D) and Manchester (UK). For more information, please visit www.albis.com.

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