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Rhein Chemie at Utech Europe in Maastricht from April 17 - 19, 2012

- Products for the polyurethane industry now in Rhein Chemie webshop
- Polyurethane additives from one of the most experienced suppliers in the industry

Mannheim, April 17, 2012 – Rhein Chemie is presenting its extensive range of custom solutions for polyurethane processors and its new, product focused webshop at Utech Europe in Maastricht from April 17 - 19, 2012. The current range of additives from Rhein Chemie meets many of the specific challenges encountered in polyurethane processing and includes highly effective hydrolysis and foam stabilizers, catalysts, emulsifiers and crosslinking agents. A selection of these high-performance additives is marketed via the Rhein Chemie webshop. In addition, the Rhein Chemie experts taking part in the Maastricht fair will give visitors an impression of current developments in the BioAdimide product range.

“Utech Europe this year is focused on by the 75th anniversary of polyurethanes,” says Bruce Ernst, head of Marketing and Sales for Engineering Plastics at Rhein Chemie. “Rhein Chemie has been supplying technically outstanding solutions for the polyurethane industry for almost 50 years and has been able to develop expertise unique in its market segments through a longstanding connection with early developers of these materials. Our customers naturally benefit from this. Our technical support is highly valued in these markets.” To maintain its market competitiveness and increase its customer focus, the Mannheim-based specialty chemicals supplier has moved

with the times. Since August 2011, they have been offering a selected product range through their innovative webshop sales portal. Webshop provides customers with 24/7 ordering capabilities along with their lowest available price.

“The webshop not only helps us keep the prices of our successful problem-solvers to competitive,” says Marion Weigel-Eckert, who is responsible for the online range of Engineering Plastics products at the wholly owned subsidiary of the specialty chemicals group LANXESS, but also offers customers a number of other advantages: it is available round the clock, offers direct access to the latest technical data sheets, provides a rapid overview of prices, terms and status of current and past order processes and, above all, ensures reliable delivery,” adds Weigel-Eckert, who will be available at Rhein Chemie's stand at the fair to demonstrate visitors how the interactive system works.

The shop, which serves customers in German and English, offers an extensive range of products, including the Rhein Chemie brands Addocat, Addovate and Addolink. Addocat grades comprise standard and customized catalysts for the manufacture of rigid and flexible polyurethane foams, while Addovate stabilizers help to optimize cell structure and density distribution. The silicone-free Addovate emulsifiers ease the production of flexible ester-based foams; other additives in this product line reduce the tendency to scorch and prevent discoloration. Under the name Addolink, Rhein Chemie markets highly specialized crosslinking agents, which, among other applications, improve the molding and demolding times of particularly rigid hot-cast polyurethane elastomers.

The Rhein Chemie stand will also feature the high-performance antihydrolysis agent Stabaxol, which considerably prolongs the service life of polyester polyurethanes.

“Another product group that we would like to highlight at Utech is our range of BioAdimide antihydrolysis agents,” adds Bruce Ernst. These are additives that have been specially developed for use in “green” polymers. BioAdimide

additives are suitable, among other applications, for increasing the hydrolysis resistance of biobased polyesters and are therefore also of interest to the polyurethane sector. "We are currently working on further demonstrating performance of these additives so that, for example, the automotive sector with its particularly strict quality requirements can benefit from this product," says Ernst.

About Business Line Engineering Plastics

Additives from the Engineering Plastics Division are used to protect polymers from hydrolysis and the premature aging associated with this process. The company's product portfolio also includes catalysts and activators for the manufacture of cast nylon and modifiers that improve the impact resistance of polyamides. In addition, highly developed catalysts, crosslinking agents and stabilizers from Rhein Chemie are used in the manufacture of flexible and rigid polyurethane foams.

About Rhein Chemie

Rhein Chemie develops, produces and sells additives, specialty chemicals and service products for the rubber, lubricant and plastics industries. In fiscal 2011 Rhein Chemie achieved sales of EUR 332 million and has approximately 1,100 employees worldwide. The company is headquartered in Mannheim, Germany and has production facilities in Europe, Asia and North and South America. Rhein Chemie is a wholly owned subsidiary of the specialty chemicals group LANXESS, Leverkusen, Germany.

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