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ADDCOMP achieves ISO/TS 16949 : 2002 Certification

Nijverdal, The Netherlands, July 1st, 2005: **Addcomp Holland BV**, manufacturer of Polymer Additive Solutions, proudly announces it has recently become the first company in their industry segment, (additive masterbatches and compacted products) to achieve **ISO/TS 16949 : 2002 certification**. This will be the new standard of certification, demanded by the automotive industry, when the current QS9000 standard is superseded, at the end of 2006.

The anticipated benefits to the industry, following the implementation of the ISO/TS 16949 : 2002 standard, are already being delivered to our customers via the technical specifications, levels of quality, service, and value, that have been achieved, and we are committed to seek continuous improvement on our achievements.

ISO/TS 16949 specifies the quality system requirements for the design/development, production, installation and servicing of automotive related products. The ISO/TS 16949 : 2002 certification aligns existing American (QS-9000), German (VDA6.1), French (EAQF) and Italian (AVSQ) automotive quality systems standards within the global automotive industry and eliminates the need for multiple certifications.

The ISO/TS 16949 : 2002 certification process involves an extensive, in-depth audit of a company's overall operating systems by an independent auditor. For Addcomp this audit was undertaken by Lloyd's (LRQA Rotterdam). Importantly, this certification allows the automotive supply chain to focus on the development of a quality management system that provides for continual improvement, emphasising defect prevention and increase supply chain efficiency. Coupled with applicable customer-specific requirements, it provides a common approach to, and defines the fundamental quality management system requirement for design, development, production, installation and service of automotive-related products. The new ISO/TS 16949 : 2002 standard is based on a process model which starts with customer requirements and ends with customer satisfaction.

Addcomp Holland BV provides a wide range of Polymer Additive Solutions in masterbatch or compacted form to the polymer industry, both polymer producers and polymer converters. End use markets include automotive, consumer, agricultural, construction, electrical & electronic, and other industrial markets.

We thank you for your interest and look forward to being of service to you in the near future.

Kind regards,

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