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## **ADDCOMP MAKES TECHNOLOGY FAST50 LIST FOR SECOND YEAR, COMPETITION RANKS NETHERLAND FIRMS FOR SPEED, INNOVATION**

**NIJVERDAL, THE NETHERLANDS** – *November 30, 2006* – **Addcomp Holland BV**, a manufacturer of polymer additive solutions for thermoplastic resins – has been listed for the second year in a row in the prestigious Deloitte competition called **Technology Fast50** in the Netherlands ([www.fast50.nl](http://www.fast50.nl)). The competition's purpose is to identify the top 50 companies in Holland based on technological innovation and growth. Addcomp was the first and is still the only firm representing the plastics industry to be listed in the Netherlands' **Fast50** list.

To achieve **Technology Fast50** status, candidate firms must demonstrate:

- ◆ A track record of at least five years in operation;
- ◆ Capabilities to develop and make use of its own technology;
- ◆ Significant investment in Research and Development; and
- ◆ Exceptional growth rate during the preceding 5-year period (in this case, the years 2001 to 2005).

Compared to its inventory turnover ratio in 2001, Addcomp achieved 217% growth in 2005, which resulted in its achieving 49<sup>th</sup> position in the 2006 Netherlands **Technology FAST50** list. Addcomp's unique additive formulations and manufacturing technologies also helped it qualify. The company was also listed on the 2005 **Fast50** list in the Netherlands and placed 420<sup>th</sup> on this year's Deloitte's EMEA (Europe / Middle East / Africa) **Technology Fast500** list.

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Addcomp Holland BV was founded in 1997 as a supplier of polymer-additive systems to the plastics industry. Since its founding, the company has experienced rapid growth in both turnover and product development, which has led to Addcomp being awarded Deloitte **Technology Fast50** status in the Netherlands twice in 2 years. The company's high-growth and rapid development of new technology are a result of its strategy to provide innovative additive solutions to customer problems as well as developing in-house, state-of-the-art production technology, which further enhances its manufacturing expertise. To maintain its technology and manufacturing lead, Addcomp typically invests 12-15% of its profits in both product and process development each year. In 2005, owing to the need to expand its manufacturing capabilities with a new factory and new offices, the company invested 50% of its turnover.

Additive systems are used to stabilize and enhance the quality, production efficiency, and / or performance of polymers. Addcomp provides more than 500 products to other additives suppliers, original resin producers, custom compounders, and processors (molders). The company develops and produces single-pack additive systems (in masterbatch or compacted pellet form) for a variety of common thermoplastic resin systems, including polyolefins, polystyrenes, thermoplastic polyesters, thermoplastic elastomers, and polyamides (nylons). Common systems available from Addcomp are used for UV stabilization, anti-blocking (for films), nucleating agents, blowing agents, antimicrobials, flame retardance, and for enhancing lubricity / wear, antistatic properties, hydrophilic properties (for fibers), thermal stability, weatherability, and service life. Enhanced processability is another benefit Addcomp additive systems bring to molders converting polymers via tape, fiber / filament, and non-wovens; injection molding; blow molding; or extrusion processes such as oriented or non-oriented film, pipe, sheet, etc. This also helps stabilize the resin for multiple heat-histories such as is seen with in-plant and post-consumer recycling. In addition, Addcomp assists other additives suppliers by providing blending services, compacted products or masterbatches, or assisting with manufacturing technology development. Addcomp does not produce or offer color masterbatches or mineral-filled compounds.

Technology from Addcomp enhances the base-resin performance of applications in markets such as automotive, agriculture, construction, consumer, housewares, electrical / electronics, industrial, lawn & garden, materials handling, and packaging. More than 90% of Addcomp's products are exported out of the Netherlands, not only to other countries in the European Union, but also to South Africa, Asia / Pacific, and the Americas. Addcomp is the only additives supplier to be ISO/TS 16949: 2002 certified. This is a very difficult quality listing to achieve and indicates a leader in product quality and security of supply.

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