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Countdown to TIPREX 2009: The Key Regional Plastics & Rubber Forum

- **Positive economic signs highlight timeliness of event**
- **Latest cutting edge technologies on show**

With only six weeks to TIPREX's opening in Bangkok, Thailand, this September, the signs are already positive that the Kingdom's plastics and rubber sectors are well positioned to benefit from an impending recovery in the Asian region. Both sectors stand to benefit from consolidation that is seeing end user industries relocate their regional operations into expanded facilities in Thailand in order to serve markets in the ASEAN region and beyond.

Key end user industries such as food processing continue to enjoy growth despite the global economic downturn and with Thailand's primary food export markets remaining as Japan, the United States, European Union and China, quality is at a premium when it comes to plastics processing materials and solutions, hence the processing sector's need for increasingly advanced solution. Automotive, meanwhile, continues to make a strong showing. Despite a dip in 2009, the compound annual growth rate for auto production in Thailand is forecast to be 11.3% between 2008 and 2013, with auto production growing from around 1.3 million units in 2010, to close to 2.5 million vehicles in 2013, according to PwC Automotive Institute.

For its part, the Thai Board of Investment (BOI) is expanding its incentives scheme to cover automobiles that employ advanced new technologies such as hybrid drive, brake energy regeneration, and electronic stability control in order to attract further foreign direct investment in the automobile sector. Privileges include exemption of import duties on machinery regardless of plant location and corporate tax exemptions. With the worldwide automotive industry in the midst of a phase of restructuring that prioritizes increased market competitiveness, global automakers are looking to consolidate their operations and Thailand is certain to be high on the list of beneficiaries.

Why TIPREX?

If you're looking for reasons why you must visit TIPREX, do take note of Thailand's rising role as an investment destination. Thailand continues to have one of Southeast Asia's most competitive economies and has move 2 spots up from 15th to 13th ranking of the 2009 World Bank Ease of Doing Business Report.

TIPREX will continue to inspire the region with cutting-edge solutions and innovations that will transform the plastic and rubber sectors to new heights. The exhibition brings together some 200 world suppliers of plastics and rubber technologies including national pavilions and groups from Austria, India, Italy, Singapore, Taiwan and Vietnam. Exhibiting companies will collectively present an extensive range of products and services for plastics and rubber processors – from resins, stabilizers, additives and masterbatches, to extrusion and moulding machines and numerous ancillary equipment. The plastics industry also stands to gain as more and more industries in Thailand are turning to plastic products substituting other more expensive materials such as metal.

TIPREX is the only platform in Southeast Asia that is driven by the industry for the industry and this is where leading industry authority and specialists will present the latest trends and developments in plastics and rubber technologies. TIPREX also serves as a valuable forum to facilitate the exchange of know-how on production to processing.

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS

Local and international companies alike are showcasing a raft on new products at TIPREX 2009. Take Thai chemical blowing agent A.F. SUPERCELL CO., for example, which will exhibit its newly developed "Masterbatch Chemical Blowing Agent" in pellet (MP-series) and sheet (MS-series) forms. Masterbatch producer from India, PLASTICHEMIX INDUSTRIES will introduce its newly launched CaCO₃ masterbatch in special carrier for higher addition levels with greater tensile and impact strength under the Superfill brand name.

In the compounding field, the latest generation of BUSS Kneaders, namely quantec and MX, will be on display, representing highly developed machine concepts based on the proven reciprocating screw working principle. The kneaders are suitable for cable compounds (HFFR, semiconductives, PVC flexible, XLPE – peroxide and silane types), PVC pelletizing (flexible, rigid, medical and alloys), calender feeding, and masterbatches.

TIPREX 2009 show visitors can also avail themselves of the latest offerings from China's JIANGSU VICTOR MACHINERY, a leading manufacturer of extrusion and injection blow moulding machines and moulds. PET sheet extrusion lines and co-extrusion lines are high on this list of offerings.

In terms of printing technology, KASE EQUIPMENT (USA) designs and builds the world's most complete line of multi-color dry offset high speed printing machine for rigid plastic caps, pails, cups, tubes lids and closures. Its Model K-TTPL thermal transfer decorating machine applies labels via heat transfer on one- through six-gallon (1.8-22.7-L) pails. It can accommodate different bucket diameters, tapers and heights, and print jobs can be changed in minutes. Output of up to 20 pails per minute is attainable.

Be sure not to miss the stand of Italy's VISMEC is the largest producer of honey comb dehumidifying dryers in Europe, with a range extending; from the smallest adsorbing dryer in the world at 14 cm/h up to an impressive 1,200 cm/h. Its dryers do not require cooling water or compressed air and they guarantee an energy saving of 40% when compared to traditional drying technologies. VISMEC are also specialists in centralized feeding, granulation and gravimetric dosing.

More product highlights is available at www.tiprex.com

ADDED BONUSES AT TIPREX

- Chatsworth Hall Pte Ltd and Enys International Pte Ltd will be conducting training courses on Rubber Technology from 21 to 22 September and Plastics Technology from 24 to 25 September. Also organized is a one day course on "The Theory and Practice of Injection Moulding and this will be held on 26 September
- A two day conference on "Material Trends and Innovations" organized by Asian Plastics News will be held from 24 to 25 September.
- Both the Plastic Industries Association and Plastic Industry Club's series of seminars on the future trends of the plastic industry is a must attend on 24 and 25 September.

ABOUT TIPREX 2009

TIPREX 2009 is jointly organized by The Thai Plastic Industries Association, The Federation of Thai Industries – Plastic Industry Club and Messe Düsseldorf Asia. It is supported by

- MTEC, The National Metal and Materials Technology Center, Thailand
- Rubber Based Industry Club
- RDIPT – Research and Development Institute of Industrial Production Technology, Kasetsart University, Thailand
- Thai Bioplastics Industry Association
- Thai Composites Association
- Thai-German Institute
- Thailand Convention & Exhibition Bureau
- Vietnam Plastics Association
- K (International Trade Fair No.1 for Plastics and Rubber Worldwide)

TIPREX 2009 will be co-located with a second show of relevance to the industry - PACK PRINT INTERNATIONAL 2009. This event brings together exhibitors and attendees from the printing and packaging sectors, including many that employ rigid and flexible plastic packaging machinery and plastic substrate printing solutions in their day-to-day business. The co-located events will complement each other. Both TIPREX and PACK PRINT INTERNATIONAL's role is to introduce the latest in cutting-edge solutions, technologies and products to Thailand and Southeast Asia's plastic, rubber, packaging and printing sectors that are playing significant roles in driving the manufacturing sector to greater heights. Both events will be tailored to reflect the market's evolutionary path driven by new needs, competition, technology, channels and other developments.

TIPREX 2009 is open to trade visitors only from 23 to 26 September between 10.30am and 6.00pm.

Visitors can now pre-register their visit online at www.tiprex.com

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