

## **Press Release**

## BIESTERFELD PLASTIC AND INEOS STYRENICS INTERNATIONAL SA CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF POLYSTYRENE BASED MICROGRANULATES

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Effective from 1 September 2013, INEOS Styrenics International S.A. and Biesterfeld Plastic GmbH have agreed on a distribution agreement on the global distribution of Polystyrene based microgranulates from the production site in Breda in the Netherlands. The existing customers have already been informed by INEOS Styrenics about this step in August.

Polystyrene based microgranulates are used in many segments such as flame protection masterbatches and compounds, colour masterbatches as well as talcum and calcium carbonate filled Polystyrene masterbatches and Styrene based moulding compounds.

Martin Umbach, Business Manager Standard Polymers, comments: "With this strategic cooperation Biesterfeld substantially strengthens the distribution portfolio for the additive and compounding market. This segment is one of the key targets for the future growth of Biesterfeld Plastic."

Biesterfeld Plastic GmbH, a 100 % subsidiary company of Biesterfeld AG, is a leading distributor in the European plastics and rubber industry with long-standing sales partnerships in a total of 42 countries. Leading polymer producers such as DuPont, ExxonMobil Chemical, INEOS Olefins & Polymers Europe, BASF Polyurethanes, Solvay, Chevron Phillips, Styrolution, Chi Mei and LG Chem have trust in the efficient service offered by Biesterfeld Plastic GmbH and have, for many years, shared this growth.



Biesterfeld AG is the strategic holding company of the Biesterfeld Group, which has served as a trade and services company for more than 100 years. With an annual turnover of € 996 million and 733 employees, Biesterfeld is a leading company within the chemicals and plastics distribution sector and is active in more than 50 locations throughout Germany, Europe, North and South America as well as Asia.

The family-owned company is committed to steady, profitable growth in the future through the expansion of the three core business divisions of Plastic, Specialty Chemicals and International.

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