

Press release

RHODIA LAUNCHES EVOLITE™ BY TECHNYL®, A MAJOR INNOVATION IN THE FIELD OF COMPOSITES

Düsseldorf, Germany – October 29, 2010 ---- Rhodia announced the launch of a major innovation in the field of thermoplastic composites. Evolite™ by Technyl® is a range of high performance polyamide-based continuous fiber reinforced materials. Unveiled at the K 2010 trade show, this composite achieves an optimal and unique balance between weight and performance.

Available in recyclable pre-impregnated fabrics or consolidated plates, Evolite can be made of glass, carbon or other fibers. Parts made in Evolite will show excellent strength and toughness, enhanced crash resistance and excellent ageing properties, with end applications including transport seating, car bumper beams and front-end structures, racing bicycle frames or window frames. In addition, material fluidity allows faster production rates compared to thermoset technologies, with a major cost-competitive advantage.

“Evolite is a breakthrough solution with considerable growth ahead of it” commented François Hincker, President of Rhodia’s Engineering Plastics Global Business Unit. *“We see it as setting the standard for future generations of composites”*.

At K 2010, Rhodia is also presenting a complete offer of materials and technologies to help preserve non-renewable resources and reduce the environmental impact of plastic applications. They include:

- a new generation of unfilled TechnylStar® that will allow processors to make major energy savings;
- a certified halogen-free Technyl range for the photovoltaic industry;
- new polyamide powders that will challenge the limits of rapid plastics parts manufacturing.

Rhodia is an international chemical company resolutely committed to sustainable development. As a leader in its businesses, the Group aims to improve its customers’ performance through the pursuit of operational excellence and its ability to innovate. Rhodia is the partner of major players in the automotive, electronics, flavors and fragrances, health, personal and home care markets, consumer goods and industrial markets. The Group employs around 13,600 people worldwide and generated sales of €4.03 billion in 2009. Rhodia is listed on Euronext Paris.

Rhodia is a global specialist in performance solutions based on polyamide 6 and 66 for injection molding, extrusion and blow molding. Under the flagship brand Technyl®, Rhodia’s Engineering Plastics activity serves various markets as automotive and transportation, electrical and electronics, sports and leisure.

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