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Ticona Completes Vectra® Liquid Crystal Polymer Expansion.


Florence, Ky., Sulzbach, Germany, Shanghai, PR China, May 28, 2002 – Ticona, a business of Celanese AG (NYSE: CZ; FSE: CZZ), is completing an expansion of its Vectra® liquid crystal polymer (LCP) plant in Shelby, NC. During May, the new equipment was brought online, increasing Vectra LCP capacity to 13.3 million lbs./yr. (6,000 metric tons/yr.). As previously announced, further expansion is considered for 2005, or as needed.

Vectra® LCP for the Americas and Europe
The Shelby plant supplies Vectra LCP in the Americas and Europe. It produces all Ticona LCP grades, including such recent offerings as FDA grades, high-temperature grades and packaging film grades. Vectra LCP customers in Asia are supplied by Polyplastics Co., Ltd., a joint venture of Ticona and Daicel Chemical Industries, Ltd.

Recognizing the current market situation, Mariellen Turano, Global Vectra LCP Business Manager, said “As the worldwide LCP leader, we added Vectra LCP capacity to anticipate the needs of users in both existing and emerging markets. The Shelby facility serves our traditional LCP markets in telecommunications and electronics, as well as newer applications in healthcare, automotive, fuel cells and packaging. The economic turndown that began during the second half of last year significantly impacted telecom and electronics, but we now see some resilience in those markets. This, coupled with interest in
Vectra LCP for other uses, suggests our new capacity is timely.”

**Vectra® and Vectran® Liquid Crystal Polymers and the Shelby Plant**

Vectra and Vectran LCPs are high-performance plastics set apart from other semi-crystalline resins by their well-ordered, long, rigid, rod-like molecules. Their balance of properties is unmatched by most other resins and includes good flow during molding of thin wall parts, outstanding dimensional stability of finished parts at high temperatures, excellent strength and chemical resistance, high impact strength, inherent flame resistance and low coefficient of expansion.

Most Vectra LCP presently goes into electric/electronic components, such as connectors, sockets, bobbins and switches. The polymer is also used in chemical equipment, medical instruments, motors, business machines, and automotive and aircraft parts, among other applications. Vectra LCP also is well-suited for electronic films where its low moisture absorption maintains consistent dimensional stability and dielectric properties – critical for high-frequency applications; and its temperature resistance is key for fabrication and assembly of evermore miniature devices.

In 2000, Ticona introduced Vectran® liquid crystal polymer, a new family of LCPs that, for the first time, gives packagers access to LCP’s superior barrier properties for large-scale food and medical packaging applications.

The Shelby plant is one of Ticona’s main production facilities. In addition to Vectra® and Vectran® LCP production, Shelby also manufactures Celanex® thermoplastic polyester (PBT), Impet® thermoplastic polyester (PET), Vandar® thermoplastic polyester alloy, Riteflex® thermoplastic polyester elastomer, and has compounding facilities for these engineering plastics and for Fortron® polyphenylene sulfide (PPS).

**Additional Information Available**

For information on Vectra® and Vectran® liquid crystal polymers, visit http://www.ticona.com.

**About Ticona and Celanese**

Ticona, the engineering polymers business of Celanese Corporation, produces and markets a broad range of high performance products, and posted net sales of $1,298 million in fiscal 2011. Ticona employs more than 1,500 individuals at production, compounding and research facilities in the USA, Germany, Brazil and China. For more information, please visit www.ticona.com or www.ticona.cn (Chinese language).

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