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Press Release

Struktol and Emerald Performance Materials Announce Commercial Agreement for Plastic Antioxidant Products

Companies reach agreement to enable joint sales and development of antioxidant materials targeting the thermoplastic resin production and compounding market

Stow, Ohio: Struktol Company of America and Emerald Performance Materials, LLC, has announced a sales and distribution agreement for Emerald's **Good-Rite**[®] line of antioxidant products for thermoplastics. Based on the agreement, Struktol becomes the primary sales distributor in the NAFTA region for the Emerald product line. The companies will also work together on new product development activities focusing on novel antioxidant chemistries and technologies.

"Emerald has a long history of manufacturing antioxidants for the plastics industry. Its predecessor organization, B.F. Goodrich, originally developed and held patents for certain phenolic antioxidants, such as the ones in use in polyolefins, about 30 years ago," said Pete Getzinger, Commercial Director for Emerald. "Since that time, Emerald and its predecessor companies continued to produce these phenolic products under a long term manufacturing agreement, which recently expired. We felt that Struktol would be a good commercial partner for Emerald, as they manufacture complementary products to the industry, and have an energetic sales team in place."

According to Mike Fulmer, Product Manager, Plastic Additives, Struktol, "The agreement between Struktol and Emerald will provide our customers with a great combination since Struktol thioester products are synergistic secondary antioxidants when used with Emerald phenolic AO's. Together, we can provide our customers with the highest level of technical know-how, service and unique solution development."

Struktol will be focused on expanding Emerald's antioxidant penetration into the polyolefin market. The primary areas of application will be the thermoplastic compounding and masterbatch markets, however both companies will focus on product development for the overall thermoplastic processing industry.

“By working closely with Struktol, we can provide customers with a continued supply of superior products manufactured in the United States and develop innovative solutions that they would be unable to get from any other single company,” added Pete Getzinger, Commercial Director for Emerald.

For product information, please visit www.emeraldmaterials.com or www.struktol.com.

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Struktol Company of America, headquartered in Stow, Ohio, continues to take an active role in developing unique products designed for optimal processing and performance thermoplastic resins and compounds. Struktol is an industry leader providing Intelligent Additive Solutions for plastic resins and compounds that are designed to meet the challenges and exacting demands of the industry. Struktol's technical specialists, R&D chemists and compound laboratory are dedicated to creating innovative solutions for the ever-changing plastics industry – solutions that keep our customers ahead of the competition with increased productivity, better quality parts and lower overall costs.

Emerald Performance Materials, LLC produces and markets technologically advanced specialty chemicals for a broad range of food and industrial applications. Its products play a variety of roles in the products that are consumed and used every day enabling them to last longer, look, smell, taste or perform better. Emerald products are used in aerospace, food, beverages, cosmetics, toothpaste, household products, paint, tires, automobiles, sports gear and many other applications. Headquartered in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Emerald has eight operations and approximately 600 employees.

Emerald Polymer Additives division is a leading producer of antioxidants and accelerators for rubber, plastics and lubricant applications. Key products include TMQ (Resin D), BBTS, and OBTS. The division also produces nitrile latex, a rubber-like synthetic waterbased polymer. The division markets its products globally through its distribution channels world.

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