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## FRX Polymers Inc. Captures Belgium's Flanders Cleantech Internationalization Award for Sustainability Leadership

**CHELMSFORD, Mass., October 19, 2016** -- FRX Polymers® Inc., the global leader in polymeric halogen-free flame retardant solutions, has been recognized by the Flanders Cleantech Internationalization Awards, a Belgium-based competition which honors companies for their leadership in development of sustainable technologies and environmental strategy and stewardship. FRX captured the top award in the competition's materials category for its development of breakthrough Nofia® flame retardant products.



“We’re thrilled and honored to have won this award given the incredible companies that were nominated and the credit belongs entirely to the great team at FRX,” said Marc-André Lebel, President and CEO of FRX Polymers. “This award recognizes FRX’s commitment to creating totally new sustainable solutions and the company’s application development know-how needed to achieve broad market adoption.”

The winners were judged on several criteria including international sustainable impact, international market traction, and commercial viability. FRX Polymers was chosen from among three finalists in the materials category. FRX Polymers received the award during the VITO i-SUP 2016 (Industry and Innovative Sustainable Production) conference Oct. 16-19 in Antwerp. The conference was sponsored by VITO, a leading European independent research and technology organization which focuses on cleantech and sustainable development, along with several partner European organizations.

FRX Polymers is the developer and producer of a new, environmentally friendly family of inherently flame retardant plastics and oligomers, trade named Nofia<sup>®</sup>. The company is currently in the high growth phase of commercializing its unique family of polyphosphonate homopolymers, copolymers, and oligomers. These non-halogen flame retardants are tough and transparent, and possess high melt flow for use in consumer electronics, textiles, building and construction, and transportation markets. Nofia phosphonates replace halogenated flame retardants, which are being phased out due to toxicity concerns. They are being sold as polymeric flame retardant additives, flame retardant engineering plastics, and as reactive flame retardant additives for thermosetting resins.

Nofia phosphonates are produced using sustainable green chemistry principles such as a solvent-free production process, no waste by-products, and near 100% atom efficiency. FRX Polymers' portfolio includes an extensive and growing patent estate. To date, the company has nearly 200 patent applications, of which more than 100 applications have been granted. The company has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the EPA's Environmental Merit Award, the Belgium Business Award for the Environment, and the Flanders Investment of the Year Award. FRX Polymers was recognized three times on the Global Cleantech 100 list, and has been a three-time Frost and Sullivan Award winner for Innovation and Customer Value Leadership.

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### **About FRX Polymers**

FRX Polymers, Inc. is the global leader in halogen-free polymeric flame retardant solutions, marketed under the Nofia<sup>®</sup> brand name. Nofia polymers and oligomers are inherently transparent, high flowing, and due to their high phosphorus content, are inherently flame retardant. These environmentally friendly FR solutions are targeted for use in electronics, textiles, building and construction, and transportation applications. Founded in 2007, FRX Polymers operates a pilot plant at its headquarters in Chelmsford, Mass. and a full-scale commercial plant in Antwerp, Belgium. For more information about its products, visit <http://www.frxpolymers.com/>.

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