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FRX Polymers Makes Key Staff Appointments to Support Strong Growth for Non-Halogenated Flame Retardant Polymers in Europe and Asia

CHELMSFORD, Mass., October 5, 2016 - FRX Polymers Inc., the global leader in polymeric halogen-free flame retardant solutions, has added new sales and application development positions in Europe and Asia and established a new business unit in China to support the strong growth for its breakthrough halogen-free FR products. FRX will discuss the announcement at the K 2016 exhibition (Hall 5/C06-1), which runs Oct. 19-26, in Düsseldorf, Germany.

“Our business is in a high-growth phase and we’re positioned to add resources in key functional areas so we can capitalize on the market momentum we’ve generated,” said Marc-André Lebel, President and CEO of FRX Polymers. In another important development, FRX Polymers recently secured \$22 million in Series D equity financing to help support business growth in China and other parts of the world.

FRX has added to its network of sales agents and distributors with direct representation in key geographic locations. The company has placed a strategic focus on China – considered to be the fastest-growing region for flame-retardant plastics in the world. Similarly, in the electronics industry, production of FR plastics has undergone a major shift from other Asian countries to China, according to Lebel. In addition, more than 70% of production for copper clad laminates (CCL) for the electronic printed circuit board market is concentrated in China, said Lebel. “China dominates the region in terms of electronics so it is a good place for us to establish a toehold and strategic base for future business,” said Lebel.

FRX also recently formed a subsidiary in China called Shanghai FRX Polymers Ltd., based in Shanghai. In Guangzhou, China, the company has hired Ken Wei as sales manager while three new application development specialists will be hired soon to cover China, Taiwan, and Korea.

FRX is also deploying key resources in Europe where non-halogenated flame retardants won early support and have grown significantly. FRX has appointed Armin Eckert, based in Frankfurt, to oversee sales and application development. FRX expects to add new additional staff in sales, marketing, and technical service in 2017.

In North America, growth for FR plastics is slower than the rest of the world, however, business activity is picking up in key markets such as automotive, aviation/aerospace, and polyurethanes, according to Lebel.

FRX Polymers also announced a debottlenecking of its Antwerp, Belgium facility in the fourth quarter of 2015 which increased capacity by 30%. Plans are underway for a major debottlenecking project over the next 12-18 months. The company is also working to achieve ISO 9001 accreditation at each of its global facilities.

FRX Polymers is the developer and producer of a new, environmentally friendly family of inherently flame retardant plastics and oligomers, trade named Nofia[®]. 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[®] 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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