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Kyowa Industrial Co. Ltd. and Trexel Form Strategic Alliance to Help Develop New, Large Part Applications in Japan and Asia Using the MuCell® Process.

Kyowa's JSW 1000 Ton, 2-Shot Press Featuring the MuCell® Process Will Help Manufacturers Speed the Development of New Large Part Applications, As Well As To Sample MuCell® Tools Prior to Production.

Woburn, Mass., Aug. 28, 2009 – Trexel and Kyowa Industrial Co. Ltd. officials today announced that the two companies have formed a strategic alliance to help customers to develop new applications based on Trexel's MuCell® process.

Kyowa is not only the largest large toolmaker in Japan, but features both the largest injection molding press (6300 Ton) and the largest Sheet Molding Compound (SMC) compression press in Japan at its headquarters and main factory in Sanjo City, Niigata Prefecture. All told, Kyowa offers more than one dozen injection molding and SMC machine presses devoted to prototype programs, from as small as 50 Tons, up to 6300 Tons. Kyowa has installed a MuCell® microcellular molding unit system on their JSW 1000 Ton, 2-Shot press in Sanjo City, which will be used for new application testing, new technology development and to sample MuCell® tools prior to entering production.

Kyowa has experience developing molds for large part applications in a variety of industries, including automotive, building and construction, public utilities, appliances and material handling, and brings expertise in a variety of advanced processes, including multi-material sandwich molding, rapid heat cycle molding, two-material molding, nano molding technology, plastic-metal composites, multi-material integration processes, water-assist molding and counter-pressure molding. One key facet of this alliance will be research conducted by both companies to help develop high gloss Class "A" automotive parts using the MuCell® process.

Yasuhide Sunamura, Chairman of Trexel Japan Inc. said, "We are honored and pleased to enter into this alliance with Kyowa Industrial Company. For more than 40 years, Kyowa has set a high standard of excellence in the development of new technology for the plastics industry in both Japan, and throughout Asia. We look forward to working with Kyowa to help our customers in Japan and Asia move their applications more quickly from concept through production trials."

Manabu Iwafuchi, Sales Manager of Kyowa said, "At Kyowa, we have built a record of success through focusing all of our energy on technological development and the creation of an organization that enables us to respond to the wishes and demands of our customers for quality, delivery time and efficiency. We look forward to working closely with Trexel to bring new MuCell[®] technology to the plastics industry in Japan and Asia."

More About MuCell[®] Technology

The MuCell[®] Microcellular Foam technology is a complete process and equipment technology that enables the production of extremely high quality plastic parts. MuCell[®] Technology involves the use of precisely metered quantities of atmospheric gases (nitrogen or carbon dioxide) in any of the three most common thermoplastic conversion processes (injection molding, extrusion, blow molding) to create millions of nearly invisible microcells in the end product. The creation of these microcellular structures brings a wide array of benefits including reduced weight, reduced material usage and reduced production costs.

The MuCell[®] process is primarily employed in the injection molding process to produce lower cost precision parts with a consistently high quality and exceptional dimensional stability, where foaming has not historically been deployed.

Microcellular foaming technology was originally conceptualized and invented at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and in 1995 Trexel was granted an exclusive worldwide license for the further development and commercialization of the technology. Today there are hundreds of MuCell[®] systems in operation today around the world helping to produce commercial parts, both molded and extruded. Examples of MuCell[®] products include electrical components, electronics connectors, internal business equipment and printer components, a variety of packaging applications and a broad array of automotive products including HVAC components and door trim and panels.

About Trexel

Trexel is the exclusive developer of the MuCell[®] microcellular foam technology and has an extensive portfolio of patents in the U.S., Canada, Europe, Japan, Korea, and Asia. Trexel's primary business is the supply of MuCell[®] Systems for the production of foamed injection molded and extruded articles. It also provides world-

class engineering support, training and other services, and the equipment and components integral to the MuCell® process. In support of these activities, Trexel operates a foamed plastics development laboratory in its Woburn, MA facility, and has established a global network of exclusive manufacturing relationships to produce the company's proprietary precision engineering equipment. MuCell® support centers are located in the U.S., Germany, Japan, Hong Kong, China, Singapore, Australia and Korea. For more information, please visit Trexel at www.trexel.com.

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