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Trexel to Showcase Major New MuCell® Performance Breakthroughs to Benefit Wide Variety of Industrial and Consumer Applications at NPE 2006 Show

Trexel Announces that the MuCell Injection Molding Process Can Now be Used to Produce Appearance Parts; Presents Results of Joint Extrusion Program With ExxonMobil Santoprene Division

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WOBURN, MA, U.S.A. –May 31, 2006– Trexel, Inc. today announced that it will present significant new advances with the MuCell Technology that will deeply impact OEM and consumer markets on a global scale. Trexel will highlight how it has:

- used the MuCell injection molding process to produce appearance parts for MuCell under hood applications as a result of its joint development and marketing program with Rhodia (NYSE:RHA);
- enabled injection molders using PC/ABS, HIPS or ABS to use MuCell for consumer and industrial cases;
- advanced a 2-year joint extrusion and materials development program with the Santoprene Specialty Products division of ExxonMobil (NYSE:XOM) to deliver new product systems for automotive weather seals;
- established a logistical support framework for Trexel’s global customer base.

Trexel will highlight the following new developments at NPE 2006, Booth #5908:

Injection Molding Show Highlight: MuCell Performance- Without Compromise in Surface Appearance

Trexel will present how it delivers MuCell benefits without compromising surface appearance for visual parts. The MuCell Molding Process can produce a consistent smooth finish, and parts can be molded with superior dimensional stability and lower costs. Previously, MuCell was successfully used in applications with “non-visual” parts that exhibited a dull finish and splay marks. However, Trexel’s new MuCell technology breakthrough enables the manufacturing of appearance parts in a wide variety of applications.

Automotive Under Hood Applications: Trexel Showcases Results of Joint Technology Development With Rhodia Engineering Plastics

Trexel will present the results of the company's joint technology development with Rhodia to develop Rhodia grades of PA 6 and PA 66 that provides all the key advantages of the MuCell process without compromise in surface appearance. Rhodia is a global specialty chemicals company with sales of \$6B in 2005 with 19,500 people worldwide. The end-result of the collaboration will enable the companies to bring new value to applications in a variety of important polyamide markets. In the automotive industry, for example, this new system brings new levels of value and performance to under-the-hood applications such as rocker covers and air intake manifolds, and it enables the development of a new generation of thermoplastic polyamide front-end modules.

Industrial and Consumer Case Applications: Molders Using PC/ABS, HIPS or ABS for Consumer and Industrial Products can now use MuCell

Previously, molders who used PC/ABS, HIPS or ABS to mold products, such as printer and computer cases, frequently struggled with sink marks, high cavity pressure, warpage, and flash—and they were unable to use the MuCell Process because of unacceptable appearance. In response, Trexel has solved these technical challenges, thereby enabling these molders to use the MuCell Process for consumer and industrial products, without compromising surface appearance. Molders will achieve the expected MuCell benefits of lower cycle times and less weight. Thinner products, supported by thicker rib structures, can now be produced because MuCell eliminates sink marks. Warpage is eliminated and cavity pressures are dramatically reduced.

Extrusion Show Highlight: Trexel Will Present the Results of a two-year Development Program with Santoprene Specialty Products of Exxon/Mobil to Deliver the World's Best Foamed TPV Automotive Weather Seals

The joint technology development has led to a robust commercial process for TPV weather seals that foam like rubber, with exceptional performance characteristics [e.g., water absorption, surface appearance, and compression load deflection]. Trexel's technical and business team will be available at booth # 5908 to provide samples, explain how to set up a MuCell TPV system, and how to take advantage of this new

development. Customers who use the Santoprene material and the MuCell system to manufacture automotive weather seals are exempt from Trexel license fees.

Company Show Highlight: Trexel Delivers Global Logistical Support to Customers

Trexel has officially launched a dedicated logistical support program for its global base of customers. Suppliers commonly design parts in America or Europe, commission molds in Portugal, Singapore or China, and mold in Eastern Europe or Mexico. In response, Trexel has established operations and mold trial facilities in Hong Kong, Singapore, China, Detroit, Germany, Korea, and Japan. This will enable mold makers to shoot their first shots in MuCell, qualify parts as MuCell parts without first testing and qualifying solid parts. As a result, companies will reduce costs, and improve time-to-market while gaining the benefits of the MuCell Process.

To schedule a meeting with Trexel at NPE 2006, contact Joe Romano, HighGround, Inc., 781-279-1320 x 208, jromano@highgroundinc.com

About Trexel, Inc.

Trexel is the exclusive developer and supplier of the MuCell[®] Microcellular Process 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 including injection molding and extrusion equipment. For more information on Trexel, contact Joe Romano, HighGround, Inc., 781-279-1320 x 208, jromano@highgroundinc.com.

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See Trexel at Booth # 5908 at NPE 2006, June 19-23, 2006, McCormick Place exposition center, Chicago, IL.