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Sukano and Total Corbion PLA announce PLA masterbatch range

About Total Corbion PLA

Total Corbion PLA is a global technology leader in Poly Lactic Acid (PLA) and lactide monomers. PLA is a biobased and biodegradable polymer made from annually renewable resources, offering a reduced carbon footprint versus many traditional plastics. The Luminy® PLA portfolio, which includes both high heat and standard PLA grades, is an innovative material that is used in a wide range of markets from packaging to consumer goods, fibers and automotive. Total Corbion PLA, headquartered in the Netherlands, will start up a new production plant in Thailand in the second half of 2018. The company is a 50/50 joint venture between Total and Corbion. www.total-corbion.com

Sukano and Total Corbion PLA announce that a range of functional and optical PLA (Poly Lactic Acid) masterbatches to further improve the performance of PLA will now be available from Sukano.

Sukano, a technology leader in PLA masterbatches, and Total Corbion PLA, a technology leader in PLA resins, are launching a range of functional and optical masterbatches based on Total Corbion PLA's Luminy® neat resins. These masterbatches will be exclusively available from Sukano.

Total Corbion PLA is already selling and marketing a range of Luminy® neat PLA resins, including high heat resistant PLA and standard PLA resins. "We are thrilled to announce the availability of Luminy-based PLA masterbatches to further complement the properties of these neat PLA resins" says François de Bie, Marketing Director at Total Corbion PLA. "Converters can now choose from a wide range of Sukano masterbatches to fine tune the performance of PLA in the final end use application."

The range of Sukano PLA masterbatches includes specific functional masterbatches aimed at improving properties like impact, mold release, anti-static or anti-block for nested products. Color masterbatches based on Luminy® PLA will also be available.

Sukano is committed to the global growth of PLA applications in the market. Customers looking to replace their traditional oil-based plastics with more sustainable PLA bioplastics can now do so without compromising the functionality of their final applications - thanks to the extensive range of PLA-based masterbatches from Sukano, now also available using Luminy® as a carrier.

"As we strategically join forces in the Bioplastics value chain to further promote new PLA applications and market penetrations, the addition of Luminy®-based masterbatches to our existing product portfolio further supports our customers' needs and goals", comments Alessandra Funcia, Head of Marketing at Sukano.

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About Sukano

Sukano is a world leader in the development and production of additive and colour masterbatches and compounds for polyester and specialty resins. The company is driven by expertise – Sukano focuses its technical knowledge on developing innovative products and services for oil and bio-based polymers that can be used for applications such as thin and thick films, bottles and containers, fibers, filaments, and sheets. Founded in 1988, Sukano developed the state-of-the-art, market reference slip/antiblock additive masterbatch for PET film and sheet applications. Headquartered in Switzerland, it is a family-owned business with a global distribution network and three production facilities strategically located in Europe, the Americas and Asia. Providing unparalleled service, knowhow, and quality to its customers worldwide, Sukano is the global partner of choice for plastic converters and brand owners to develop their innovative products and highly specialized solutions. For more information, visit www.sukano.com.

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Luminy® PLA resins are produced by Total Corbion PLA from cane sugar in Thailand and are certified compostable and biobased.

For more information about neat PLA resins, please contact Total Corbion PLA. For more information about PLA masterbatches based on Luminy® PLA, please contact Sukano.