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Milliken to Showcase Robust, Fast-Growing Portfolio of Performance Enhancing Reactive Additives for PU at UTECH North America 2016

Spartanburg, S.C. - Milliken & Company, a leading supplier of polymer bound colorants and additives for polyurethanes (PUs), announced today that it will feature its expanding portfolio of unique, fully reactive polymer additives at UTECH North America 2016 in booth #748. These industry-leading materials are designed to help customers increase performance, improve aesthetics and preserve the long-term quality of PU systems - all without contributing to chemical emissions.

“Milliken’s advanced additive technologies provide a comprehensive range of solutions to the leading challenges our customers face,” said Jesse Shultz, global market manager for Performance Colorants & Ingredients at Milliken & Company. “Our customers are our top priority and whether they are looking to improve ultraviolet stability, reduce emissions or enhance aesthetics, our ever-broadening portfolio of additives can help them cost-effectively meet their most pressing needs.”

A primary focus of Milliken’s exhibit will be its award-winning Milliguard[®] AOX-1 antioxidant for PU, which addresses increasingly stringent environmental, health and safety requirements while delivering outstanding thermal stabilization performance at low loadings. It offers a unique solution by contributing negligible volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and outgassing condensation (FOG); provides unparalleled efficiency in stabilizing free radicals that can degrade PU foam; and is highly synergistic with other antioxidant classes. This high-performance material also gives polyol producers and foam manufacturers a powerful tool for producing interior vehicle components such as seats, door trim, carpet, instrument panels, headliners and consoles.

Milliken’s Reactint[®] colorants, the most widely used polyurethane coloring system in the world, will also be highlighted at the Milliken booth. This unique technology is a 100 percent homogenous liquid that is soluble in polyol and will not settle over time. Reactint colorants are fully compatible with all types of PU systems and offer high color strength vs. pigment dispersions. They are also easy to use and have in-line blending capabilities that enable manufacturers to quickly respond to changing market demands.

Also on display are Milliken’s high-performance Milliguard[®] UVX reactive ultraviolet (UV) stabilizer and the company’s AlphaSan[®] AF antimicrobial additives. Milliguard UVX improves UV performance and is VDA 278 compliant, making it well suited for highly demanding PU and thermoplastic polyurethane (TPU) applications, including elastomers, coatings and stay-white PU foam parts. AlphaSan AF antimicrobial additives are stable dispersions that utilize zinc pyrithione to provide cost-effective antimicrobial and antifungal performance in foam applications, such as sponges, furniture, mattresses and pillows.

Milliken representatives will be on hand in the company's booth to discuss these products and their complete family of performance colorants and ingredients.

UTECH North America 2016 will be held at the Charlotte Convention Center in Charlotte, N.C. from April 6-7.

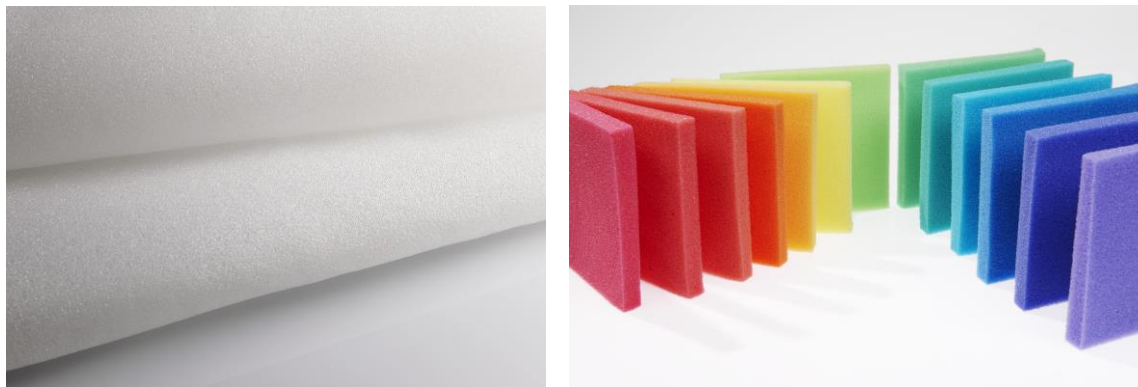
About Milliken

Milliken is an innovation company that has been exploring, discovering, and creating ways to enhance people's lives since 1865. Working from our laboratories, application and development centers around the world, our scientists and engineers create coatings, specialty chemicals, and advanced additive and colorant technologies that transform the way we experience products from automotive plastics to children's art supplies. With expertise across a breadth of disciplines that also includes floor covering and performance materials, the people of Milliken work every day to add true value to people's lives, improve health and safety, and make this world more sustainable. For more information, visit www.millikenchemical.com or www.milliken.com.

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PHOTOS: Milliguard® AOX-1 Antioxidant in PU Foam (Left) and Reactint® Colorants in PU Foam (Right)

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