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News Release

Ciba Specialty Chemicals launches a new light stabilizer system for plastics in automotive applications

- **Ciba® TINUVIN® XT 855 provides excellent long-term light stability**
- **NOR HALS Technology contributes to less mold deposit and better paint adhesion**
- **Designed for exterior and interior PP/TPO automotive applications**
- **Meets the demanding requirements in the Asia-Pacific Region**

Ciba Specialty Chemicals is introducing a new plastic additive system for automotive applications specifically for customers in the Asia-Pacific region. Ciba® TINUVIN® XT 855 is a novel high performance, non-interacting light stabilizer system for polypropylene (PP)/Thermo Plastic Olefin (TPO) compounds. It offers outstanding long-term weatherability, which is required in demanding automotive applications.

"PP/TPO compounds are widely used for automotive applications because of their good cost-performance," says Jan Kreibaum, Head of Plastics Additives Segment Asia-Pacific. "Ciba® TINUVIN® XT 855 offers outstanding long-term performance in light stability and, at the same time, excellence in productivity. These are two important features which are always required by the highly-competitive automotive industry in the Asia-Pacific Region."

TINUVIN XT 855, based on NOR HALS technology, contributes to improved productivity by reducing mold deposit during injection molding. It also allows better paint adhesion to substrates since it is non-interacting with acid-cured 1K automotive coatings.

TINUVIN XT 855 provides excellent performance for PP/TPO interior parts of automobiles such as instrument panels, door panels and pillars, as well as exterior parts such as bumper fascia fully and partially painted. It is also recommended for TPE interior and exterior parts. This fully-formulated

system allows further simplification in the formulation process. TINUVIN XT 855 has FDA food contact clearance.

Ciba® TINUVIN® XT 855 was presented first at Chinaplas, June 21– 24, 2005 in Guangzhou .

More information is available at www.cibasc.com/TinuvinXT855.

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