



Press Release

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MBA Polymers announces EuCertPlast certification for its Austrian plant

Certification enables product promotion under The Blue Angel scheme which supports product-related environmental protection

MBA Polymers, the world-leading multinational plastics recycling company has announced that it has met the international standards of EuCertPlast for its plant at Kematen an der Ybbs, Austria.

It is amongst the first post-consumer plastics recyclers in Europe to achieve the EuCertPlast standard. EuCertPlast is a Europe-wide certification program for the recycling of plastic waste, in an initiative co-financed by the European Commission under the Eco-Innovation Programme.

The scheme assesses good practice and the quality of input and output achieved by the audited recycler. A responsible recycler benefits from the certification through increased transparency which permits a quality guarantee which will assist an increased use of recycled material in new products. These can also be promoted under the Blue Angel label. (See note 2). The Blue Angel scheme is for products and services that have environmentally beneficial aspects and in this case focused particularly on the traceability and conformity of recycled plastics. Blue Angel is the oldest eco-label in the world, informs consumers about environmentally friendly products and gives global support to product-related environmental protection.

MBA Polymers Chief Executive Nigel Hunton commented, "MBA Polymers has always maintained high quality standards and procedures, but we are very pleased to receive this certification at Kematen. Many of our customers require very stringent environmental procedures these days and this certification sets the standard for these types of procedures and shows our customers that we are operating correctly."

EuCertPlast monitor the entire recycling process, from entry of waste material to final recycled product, and checks if the manufacturer has the necessary permits for stages such as stock management, the recycling process and output.

MBA Austria developed a system of compliance and at the same time also initiated a number of new operational procedures as well as making a commitment to further reduce energy consumption. It aims to reduce its environmental footprint further with plans for continuous improvement and regular reviews.

"Meeting this standard has been an excellent challenge for our team," said Daniel Forstner, Quality Manager, MBA Polymers, Austria. "We have made improvements in areas such as auditing, process management, addressing areas of non-compliance and taking appropriate action. It is another important step for MBA's operations in Austria."

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Notes to Editors

1) EuCertPlast

The EuCertPlast certification and audit scheme was introduced in July 2012 . MBA was audited by Germany-based Cyclos

The partners include the European Plastics Recyclers (EuPR), European Plastics Converters (EuPC), Cyclos, The European Plastics Recycling Organisation (EPRO), Recovinyl, ITW Group and Scoeller Arca Systems

The European plastics recycling industry currently comprises around 1500 companies which together recycle more than 4.5m tonnes of waste per annum.

2) The Blue Angel label

The Blue Angel label is a German certification for products and services that have environmentally friendly aspects. It is the label for an ecological better product alternative according to defined criteria. The purpose of the label is environmental and consumer protection by transfer of information

3) *MBA Polymers Austria*

MBA Polymers Austria Kunststoffverarbeitung GmbH, located in Kematen an der Ybbs, is a joint venture between MBA and the Austrian Müller-Guttenbrunn Group. MBA is the majority and managing shareholder. The plant started commercial operations in Q2 2006.

This plant produces high quality post-consumer ABS, HIPS, and PP plastic resins from end-of-life consumer products for reuse in a multitude of applications, including those that require UL, RoHS and REACH certifications. Our raw material source is waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE).

The plant is one of the most advanced in the world, has a capacity of 40,000 tons per year, covers nearly 20,000 m² and is geographically very well located in the centre of Europe.

MBA Polymers Austria employs around 70 highly qualified personnel operating and supervising the individual production stages, quality assurance and preventive maintenance. It provide customers with a sustainable and consistent supply of high-quality post-consumer recycled plastics. As well as providing a better environmental and economic outcome for plastic waste streams compared to landfill or incineration, MBA provides customers the opportunity to produce more sustainable products - a growing focus for consumers, manufacturers and government agencies .

4) *MBA Polymers*

Since 1992, MBA Polymers has been constantly evolving and growing, rescuing post-consumer plastic waste from heading to landfill around the world and transforming it into high quality source material for consumer electronics, appliances, and other plastic products.

Our ability to save between 1 and 3 tons of greenhouse gas production for every ton of virgin plastic we replace is transforming the plastics supply chain, as our state-of-the-art processing facilities recycle end-of-life durable goods and 'close the loop' on plastics.

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