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Following acquisition of Xantar® polycarbonate:

**NEW EUROPEAN TECHNICAL CENTER FOR MITSUBISHI
ENGINEERING- PLASTICS OFFERS EXTENDED SUPPORT FOR
CUSTOMERS IN EUROPE**

Mitsubishi Engineering-Plastics (MEP) has announced that it will establish a new Technical Center to provide extensive research, development and testing support for its customers primary in Europe. The new Technical Center is located on the R&T campus of the Chemelot site in Geleen, the Netherlands and will focus on customer and application support as well as new product development.

Mitsubishi Engineering-Plastics already has significant technical support facilities. These include a Technical Center in Japan as well as a MEP Technical Center Asia Ltd. in Thailand. The newly established European Technical Center will be able to interact seamlessly with these facilities to provide world-class support for its growing range of Engineering Plastics, which include newly acquired Xantar® polycarbonate.

The announcement of the new Technical Center follows the completion of the acquisition of the Xantar Polycarbonate business.

Heading the new Technical Center is Dr. Edwin van Hartingsveldt, who explains that the location was chosen because it provides easy access to a wide range of fully integrated independent research facilities: “The Chemelot site is an open campus with wide ranging polymer know-how and an extensive R&T infrastructure. This will give us direct access to a broad range of general services, such as high level analysis and testing capabilities and expertise on general polymer research and regulatory affairs (Reach, IEC etc.), leaving us to concentrate on specific customer driven innovation.”

The President of MEP-EUROPE GmbH (100% subsidiary of Mitsubishi Engineering-Plastics Japan) , Takatoshi Kitahara, says the establishment of this new Technical Center will bring Mitsubishi Engineering-Plastics closer to its growing European customer base: “MEP will continue to build on the successful Xantar strategy of staying close to our customer base and retaining a strong understanding of products and applications. By providing added-value

service, we will be able to support current and future Xantar customers. In addition, by fully integrating the new facility into our global R&T network, we will be able to support all MEP customers in the future.”

Mitsubishi Engineering-Plastics

Mitsubishi Engineering-Plastics Corporation (MEP) was established in March 1994, following the consolidation of the engineering plastics businesses of Mitsubishi Gas Chemical Company, Inc., and Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation, thus creating a vital and responsive new player in this highly dynamic sector.

MEP is a leading supplier of engineering plastics and focuses on developing new materials to meet the changing needs of end users whilst at the same time supporting customers' product development activities. In all aspects of its operations, the Company is guided by the belief that building close partnerships with customers is the way to conduct business successfully.

MEP has the largest market share in polycarbonate resins in Japan and a flexible and integrated follow-up system in all regions and markets served.

As a leading engineering plastics manufacturer, MEP has pledged to reduce the environmental burden of its operations and prevent pollution, to protect the environment and provide products and services that meet the expectations of customers, stakeholders and society at large.

The MEP Portfolio includes XANTAR® Polycarbonate & Blends; IUPILON® Polycarbonate Resin; NOVAREX® Polycarbonate Resin; RENY® Polyamide MXD6 Resin; NOVADURAN® Polybutylene Terephthalate Resin; IUPITAL® Polyacetal Resin; IUPIACE® Modified PPE Resin; and LEMALLOY® Modified PPE Resin.

With the innovative and high-end polycarbonate XANTAR®, MEP will strengthen its global position in polycarbonate. Xantar is currently mainly focused on the European market and DSM's Specialty Compounds plant in Genk, Belgium will be its toll compounder in Europe.

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Antenna carriers made from XANTAR LDS (picture name JOZ0053)



XANTAR XRM (glass reinforced XANTAR RX 5010) meets the stringent requirements for MCCB's
(picture DSC5588)



Aerial view of the Chemelot Research & Business Campus in Geleen, the Netherlands, the location of
the new MEP Europe B.V. Technical Center.

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