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Techmer PM Announces Opening of New Center for Design and Compounding of Specialty Engineering Plastics

Techmer PM, a major producer of value-added colors and additives for the plastics and fiber industries, announced the opening of a new center for the design and compounding of specialty engineering plastics in Rancho Dominguez, California. The existing Techmer facility contains the requisite laboratory equipment as well as both twin and single screw extruders equipped for high-melt temperatures and processing of additives ranging from carbon fiber to pigments and dyes. This new business unit of Techmer will be called *Techmer Engineered Solutions (TES)*. The concept for *TES* commenced in 2010 when the results of applying Lean Manufacturing concepts created available space and manufacturing capacity at the California site where the company produces primarily colorant and additive masterbatches. During the past year over \$2 million has been spent on additional process equipment to prepare the plant and lab for the addition of new product lines in engineering plastics. Also, a 40mm twin screw was added to the site.

Techmer PM first moved into the production of specialty engineering plastic compounds in 2004 via a joint venture with Lehmann & Voss of Hamburg, Germany. The joint venture, Techmer Lehvoss Compounds, LLC, acquired the DSM Engineering Plastics specialty compounding business in North America including the *Electrafil*[®] and *Plaslube*[®] product lines. These product lines, along with other custom engineered compounds including *Luvotech*[®] and *Luvocom*[®], are manufactured in Clinton,

Tennessee, on the Techmer PM campus. Techmer's California site manager Craig Burnett noted that "we will now have the capability of producing all of these compounds at our Rancho Dominguez site." The expansion is expected to create up to ten new positions at the site.

Techmer Engineered Solutions combines know-how from the various Techmer business units, including Polytest Laboratory (www.polytesting.com) which is A2LA accredited under ISO 17025, to create a business model that solves processor problems and creates new designs for OEMs. This is also a commitment that Techmer has to the long-term future of providing quality technical solutions for the plastics industry. *TES* is driven by science, technology, and innovation while striving for mutually beneficial relationships with our customers, suppliers, employees, and community.

About Techmer PM

Techmer PM, LLC is a major producer of value-added colors and additives for the plastics and fiber industries. The company had its origins in Los Angeles over 30 years ago and now operates six compounding plants located strategically throughout North America. Techmer has worldwide manufacturing capabilities focusing on high-performance applications where quality, technical support, and problem solving are critical.