



Ex-Tech Plastics Teams with Solegear to Manufacture and Increase Market Reach Traverse TF[®] in the US

Ex-Tech to manufacture and market Solegear's High-Heat Resistant, Durable Bioplastic to New Consumer Packaging Segments

June 1, 2015 — (Richmond, IL) Ex-Tech Plastics, Inc., an Illinois-based plastics extruder, and Solegear Bioplastics, a Vancouver, British Columbia innovator in plastics have entered into a commercial partnership for Ex-Tech to manufacture and distribute Solegear's next-generation Traverse TF[®] bioplastic. Traverse TF[®] is best known for its high bio-content in rigid packaging that can resist high heat shipping conditions. Through this agreement, both Ex-Tech and Solegear will benefit from shared access to new market intelligence, technologies and industry contacts to capitalize on business opportunities to grow the penetration of Traverse TF[®], throughout the North American market.

Traverse TF[®] Bioplastic is designed to replace Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) packaging applications that require both high heat resistance ($\geq 55^{\circ}\text{C}$) and high optical clarity. Traverse TF[®] is composed of up to 45% bio-content and meets international shipping requirements, validated by SGS laboratories. At the end of its life, the material can be recycled, as with conventional petroleum-based plastics.

"As a high-heat resistant bioplastic, Traverse TF[®] is an excellent addition to our offerings within durable plastics for rigid packaging use. Traverse[®] is a great material for those retailers or manufacturers seeking to reduce their carbon footprint while maintaining high levels of performance and reliability in varied conditions," says William Riesbeck, President of Ex-Tech Plastics Inc. "We are very excited to be able to begin marketing this product to our customers and anticipate a great demand from the market," adds Riesbeck, "It's truly an exciting addition to our product offerings".

"Solegear is very pleased to partner with Ex-Tech, as we recognize them to be a respected leader in bioplastics sheet extrusion, with a track record of exceptionally high standards of quality and levels of customer satisfaction," said Toby Reid, CEO of Solegear. "We believe this alliance will allow Solegear's Traverse TF[®] to reach new audiences who have been waiting to be introduced to our next-generation products. Working with Ex-Tech, we'll be leveraging Ex-Tech's exceptional reputation, customer base, and ability to scale order fulfillment efficiently through their large manufacturing operation."



To begin, Ex-Tech has manufactured a multi-ton purchase order on behalf of Solegear's customers, and started to jointly market and distribute Traverse TF® as of April of this year.

About Ex-Tech Plastics Inc.

Ex-Tech Plastics, Inc. was founded in 1983 and is seen as an innovator in the manufacturing of plastics sheet. Building on that foundation, Ex-Tech's 100K+ square foot facility is operated with a focus on innovation, efficiency, ability to run high volume or custom formula runs and just-in-time delivery. Today Ex-Tech delivers a diverse array of sheet solutions in PET, bioplastics, olefins, PVC, Polypropylene and vinyl to domestic and international customers within retail and food packaging sectors and beyond.

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About Solegear Bioplastics Inc.

Solegear, based in Vancouver, British Columbia, is an innovator in the field of next-generation plastics. The Company is an advanced materials firm that engineers, produces and distributes high-performance bioplastics (bioplastics are a category of plastics that are bio-based, compostable, or both). Founded in 2006, Solegear has developed, and is commercializing, proprietary bioplastics technologies that utilize annually renewable plant-based ingredients formulated using green chemistry, to address the growing North American market opportunity for rigid consumer packaging and durable plastic goods. www.solegear.ca

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