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GLOBAL PLASTICS ASSOCIATIONS TAKE ACTION ON MARINE LITTER

PLASTICS ORGANIZATION LEADERS FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE COME TOGETHER TO CREATE A FRAMEWORK FOR SHAPING SOLUTIONS ON MARINE LITTER

HONOLULU, HI (March 22, 2011) – As part of their overarching contribution to providing sustainable solutions, representatives of plastics organizations from around the globe today released a “Global Declaration for Solutions on Marine Litter.” The declaration, announced at the 5th International Marine Debris Conference in Honolulu, describes steps that the industries will take, and suggests approaches and platforms for global cooperation and future partnerships.

“Marine litter is a global problem, and it requires global solutions,” said Steve Russell, Vice President of Plastics for the American Chemistry Council. “We are pleased to come together with plastics organizations from around the world to leverage current programs and to generate the creative spark that launches innovative solutions.”

“This joint global declaration on marine litter is aiming at taking part in shaping a solution to this complex societal issue. Plastics should not be part of the oceans, and marine litter is not acceptable. We take this issue very seriously” said Jacques van Rijckevorsel, President of PlasticsEurope. “Plastics contribute significantly to enhancing the quality of our lives, to preserving our resources, to reducing CO2 emissions and to enabling innovation. However, they should be responsibly used and disposed of either via recycling or energy recovery.”

Inadequate waste management infrastructure, insufficient recycling, and littering are among the root causes of this worldwide problem. Plastic and plastic product producers from around the globe will use the declaration as a framework for action as they engage with world governments, NGOs, researchers, and other stakeholders on this critical issue.

During the announcement, the plastics organizations also provided videos, presentations and fact sheets on industry-sponsored activities, programs, and research that already are underway. These include a number of public-private partnerships designed to raise awareness about litter prevention, recycling and recovery.

For more information on these programs, visit www.marinedebrissolutions.org/global

The Declaration on Marine Litter can be found at: www.marinedebrissolutions.org/declaration

Signatories to the Declaration on Marine Litter are:

ACC, American Chemistry Council, Washington, USA

ANAIP, Spanish Association of Plastics Industry, Madrid, Spain

ANAPE, Asociación Nacional de Poliestireno Expandido, Madrid, Spain

ANDIMAT, Asociación Nacional de Fabricantes de Materiales Aislantes, Madrid, Spain

ANIPAC, Asociación Nacional de Industrias del Plástico, Asociación Civil, Mexico

APIP, Associacao Portuguesa da Industria de Plasticos, Lisbon, Portugal

ASECONP, Asociación Española de Fabricantes de Contenedores Plásticos para Residuos Urbanos, Madrid, Spain

ASEMUPLAST, Asociación de Empresarios del sector Plástico de la región de Murcia , Spain

ASEPUR, Asociación Española de empresas de polyuretano, Madrid, Spain

ASETUB, Asociación Española de fabricantes de tubos y accesoros plasticos, Madrid, Spain

ASOVEN, Asociación Ventanas pvc, Madrid, Spain

BAP, Bulgarian Association Polymers, Sofia, Bulgaria

BPF, British Plastics Federation, London, United Kingdom

CEP, Centro Español de Plásticos, Madrid, Spain

Cicloplast, Madrid, Spain,

CPIA, Canadian Plastics Industry Association, Ontario, Canada

ECOPLAS Argentina SA, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Elipso, Les entreprises de l'emballage plastique et souple, Paris, France

Essencia, Belgium federation of the chemical industry and of life sciences, Brussels, Belgium

EuPC, European Plastics Converter Association, Brussels, Belgium

EuPR, European Plastics Recyclers, Brussels, Belgium

FAMA, Asociación de Fabricantes de Articulos Monouso Reciclables, Madrid, Spain

Federation de La Plasturgie, French Association of Plastic Converters, Paris, France

Federplast, Belgian Federation of Plastics producers and Rubber products, Brussels, Belgium

Fetraplas, Federacion Espanola de transformadores y manipuladores de plasticos, Madrid, Spain

GPCA, Gulf Petrochemicals & Chemicals Association, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

HGK, Croatian Chamber of Economy, Zagreb, Croatia

IK Industrievereinigung Kunststoffverpackungen e.V, Bad Homburg V.D.H, Germany

IPI , Indian Plastics Institute, Mumbai, India

JPIF, Japan Plastics Industry Federation, Tokyo, Japan

KPIA, Korea Petrochemical Industry Association, Seoul, Korea

KVS, Kunststoff Verband Schweiz, Aarau, Switzerland

MMSZ, Association of Hungarian Plastics Industry, Budapest, Hungary

MPMA, Malaysian Plastics Manufacturers Association, Selangor, Malaysia

Muoviteollisuus ry, Finnish Plastics Industries Federation, Helsinki, Finland

NRK, Dutch Rubber & Plastics Federation, Leidschendam, the Netherlands

PACIA, Plastics and Chemical Industry Association, Melbourne, Australia

PAFA, Packing and Film Association, Nottingham, United Kingdom

PlasticsEurope, European Association of Plastics Manufacturers, headquartered in Brussels, Belgium with regional centers in Frankfurt, Germany, London, United Kingdom, Madrid, Spain, Milano, Italy and Paris, France

P&K, Plast och Kemiforetagen, Stockholm, Sweden

Plastics Federation of South Africa, Gauteng, South Africa

Plastindustrien, the Danish Plastics Federation, Copenhagen, Denmark

Plastivida, Instituto Sócio-Ambiental dos Plásticos, Sao Paulo, Brazil

PPIA, Philippine Plastics Industry Association, Caloocan City, Philippines

SPI, Society of the Plastics Industry, Washington, United States

SPPCR, Association of Plastics Industry of the Czech Republic, Prague, Czech Republic

WVK, Wirtschaftsvereinigung Kunststoff, Bad Homburg, Germany

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