



Press Announcement

Emery Oleochemicals LLC Earns USDA Certified Biobased Product Certification and Label

Cincinnati, Ohio, USA (Oct 1, 2015): Emery Oleochemicals LLC has earned the Certified Biobased Product Label granted by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), for six products from the company's EMEROX® range of renewable-based polyols. This certification, awarded as part of the USDA BioPreferred® Program, verifies that these polyols contain the amount of renewable bio-based content that meets or exceeds levels set by the USDA.

The bio-based content assessment was performed by a qualified third party lab and monitored by the USDA. It underscores Emery Oleochemicals' commitment to sustainable innovation in line with the USDA's long term goals.

"We are proud that Emery Oleochemicals LLC has earned the USDA Certified Biobased Product Label," said Ron Buckhalt, USDA BioPreferred Program Manager. "Bio-based products add value to renewable agriculture commodities, create jobs in rural communities and help our nation decrease its reliance on foreign-sourced and non-renewable petroleum."

Emery Oleochemicals' bio-based polyols are currently manufactured out of the company's newly commercialized \$50 million Bio-based and Recycled Content Polyols Plant, launched during the facility's 175th Anniversary celebrations. Jay Taylor, Emery Oleochemicals' Senior Vice President, Chief Manufacturing Officer and Regional Managing Director, North America, believes that USDA's accreditation is a timely testament to the company's strengthening position in the manufacture of natural-based specialty chemicals. "Our products are designed to meet both the sustainability and performance needs of our customers, and we are thrilled that the work we are doing provides customers the opportunity to create a resource-efficient way of life. This certification challenges us to do more on the innovation front."

"We are very excited, and proud, to be part of the USDA BioPreferred® program and to have the bio-based content verified in our EMEROX® Polyols – products that are suited as key intermediate materials for the manufacture of polyurethane foams and CASE products (coatings, adhesives, sealants and elastomers)," elaborated Mark Kinkelaar, Global Business Director, Eco-friendly Polyols of Emery Oleochemicals. "These bio-based polyols are engineered by design for targeted markets and specific applications; delivering unique properties and value-added performance to our customers, manufacturers, foam system formulators and end users."

The label will be used on certified products from early October this year.

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About Emery Oleochemicals Group

A leading producer of natural-based chemicals made predominantly from natural oils and fats such as plant-based oil and tallow. We offer an extensive product portfolio, including renewable solutions for the Agro Green, Bio-Lubricants, Eco-Friendly Polyols, Green Polymer Additives, Home & Personal Wellness and OleoBasics markets. With revenue of US\$1 billion (2014), the company is headquartered in Malaysia with manufacturing plants spanning three continents - Asia Pacific, North America, and Europe. Emery Oleochemicals' global operations are backed by a diverse workforce and an extensive distribution network covering over 50 countries worldwide.

For more information, please log on to www.emeryoleo.com

About USDA BioPreferred®

The USDA BioPreferred® program was created by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 and expanded by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008. The purpose is to increase the purchase and use of bio-based products. The United States Department of Agriculture manages the program. Products that meet the USDA BioPreferred® program requirements carry a distinctive label for easier identification by the consumer.

To learn more about the USDA Certified Biobased Product Label, please visit www.biopreferred.gov

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