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GLS Thermoplastic Elastomers Receives ISO Certification for Medical Grade TPEs

ISO 13485:2003 certification highlights the company's commitment to quality assurance

GUANGZHOU, China – May 18, 2009 – GLS Thermoplastic Elastomers, a PolyOne business and global leader in high-performance, custom-formulated thermoplastic elastomers (TPEs), announced today that it has achieved ISO 13485:2003 certification for its manufacturing plant located in the Suzhou Industrial Park in Suzhou, China. The GLS facility, which opened in June 2006, provides regional and global medical device OEMs with a full range of TPE material solutions. GLS is exhibiting at Chinaplas 2009 in booth #11.2G31.

“GLS Thermoplastic Elastomers is dedicated to excellence in our production of high-performance elastomer solutions for medical OEMs,” said Maria Furtak, commercial director for the Asia Pacific region, GLS Thermoplastic Elastomers. “Our recent certification further highlights this commitment to the global medical industry by assuring that customers are supplied with consistently high-quality, medical grade TPEs.”

ISO 13485:2003 is the standard that represents the requirements for a comprehensive management system used in the design and manufacture of medical devices. It is typically harmonized with ISO 9001 certification, which GLS achieved in 2007 for its Suzhou facility after having been in operation for less than one year. ISO 13485 augments ISO 9001 to better focus on fundamental concerns of the medical industry, including:

- Promotion and awareness of medical regulatory requirements as a quality management responsibility
- Controlling the work environment for product safety
- Specific requirements for inspection and traceability

- Requirements for verification of corrective and preventive action effectiveness

Furtak added, "Our recent certification underscores the world-class practices our plant uses in the manufacture of TPEs that comply with the rigorous demands of the medical industry such as cleanliness, detailed record keeping, lot-to-lot product consistency, and traceability of raw materials and processing. Global medical OEMs can be assured that they will receive only the highest quality high-performance materials for use in their products."

About GLS Thermoplastic Elastomers

GLS Thermoplastic Elastomers, acquired by PolyOne in January 2008, is a global leader in the development, manufacture, and supply of high-performance, custom-formulated thermoplastic elastomers (TPEs). Please visit our Web site at www.glscorp.com for additional information on GLS Thermoplastic Elastomers.

About PolyOne

PolyOne Corporation, with 2008 annual revenues of \$2.7 billion, is a premier provider of specialized polymer materials, services and solutions. Headquartered outside of Cleveland, Ohio USA, PolyOne has operations around the world. For additional information on PolyOne, visit our Web site at www.polyone.com.

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