

Therban now exclusive material for HNBR seals from ERIKS

LANXESS and industrial service-provider ERIKS sign trademark license agreement

Leverkusen – The Technical Rubber Products (TRP) business unit of specialty chemicals group LANXESS has now concluded a trademark license agreement for its high-performance HNBR rubber Therban with the industrial trading company ERIKS based in Alkmaar, the Netherlands. The globally operating distributor of industrial components for sealing, hose, drive and joining technology will in the future use Therban grades from LANXESS for its hydrogenated rubber seals, which are manufactured according to its own specifications.

By using this high-performance material, ERIKS can ensure that its HNBR products have a uniformly high raw material and compound quality. As an orientation for its customers the industrial equipment supplier will use LANXESS's Therban logo.

Oliver Lips, head of Applications Advice and Sales at ERIKS, says: “As a result of this agreement, we will cooperate even more closely with LANXESS. We will have a direct line to the polymer manufacturer, who informs us about technical specifications and the know-how of application. This enables to respond even more quickly to the demands of our customers and to work together with LANXESS to rapidly and effectively develop innovative solutions.”

Dirk Schaefer, Director of Global Product Management of the Specialties business line of TRP, adds: “We are delighted that this agreement has come about. It is another confirmation of the quality of our Therban products.”

Under the brand name Therban, LANXESS offers a special-purpose rubber that is extremely robust in numerous respects. Therban hydrogenated rubber (HNBR) grades are characterized by their good resistance to chemically aggressive oils, high mechanical stability and

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outstanding abrasion resistance along with high ozone and hot air resistance. This high-performance material, whose vulcanizates can be used in a temperature range of between -40 and 160 °C, is suitable, among other applications, for highly stressed articles such as seals, hoses, couplings and drive belts in mechanical and plant engineering.

LANXESS is a leading specialty chemicals company with sales of EUR 6.58 billion in 2008 and currently 14,335 employees in 23 countries. The company is represented at 46 production sites worldwide. The core business of LANXESS is the development, manufacturing and marketing of plastics, rubber, intermediates and specialty chemicals.

The Dutch ERIKS Group is an industrial service-provider marketing more than 600,000 industrial components for new equipment and maintenance purposes. Its product portfolio covers sealing and hose technology, drive and joining technology, hydraulics, pneumatics, plastics technology and logistics systems. In 2008 the company posted sales of EUR 1.13 billion with an average workforce of 5,138 employees. ERIKS is active in 22 countries on four continents in the field of industrial procurement and supplies more than 100,000 customers with quality products.

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Information for editors:

100 years of synthetic rubber – interesting information about the anniversary and the numerous areas of application can be found at www.worldrubberday.com.

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