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The Bioplastic Specialist FKuR has extended its distribution program by offering biobased polyamide (Bio-PA)

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Evonik appoints FKuR as distribution partner for its VESTAMID® Terra product line

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Willich, November 2013 – Evonik Industries AG, High Performance Polymers Business Line, and FKuR Kunststoff GmbH announced their distribution agreement for VESTAMID® *Terra* during the leading plastics event K2013 in Düsseldorf. With immediate effect, FKuR will market, sell and distribute Evonik's full line of biobased polyamide VESTAMID® *Terra* products worldwide.

“We value our partnership with FKuR, a specialist in the field of bioplastics promotion. We are excited to share our experiences and, combined, strengthen our expertise” said Jean-Marc Chassagne, Director Biopolymers - Resource Efficiency, High Performance Polymers, Evonik.

For Edmund Dolfen, CEO of FKuR, the new distribution agreement is a consistent implementation of FKuR's philosophy ‘Plastics - made by nature’. “As ‘The Bioplastic Specialist’ we offer innovative solutions for all processing methods and applications for our customers’ product of choice. With VESTAMID® *Terra* we have extended our range of products with a high-tech engineering plastic. Thus, we enable our customers to open new areas of applications with biobased plastics”, stated Dolfen.

VESTAMID® *Terra* polymers are partially or entirely based on renewable feedstock. The raw materials are the castor bean (*Ricinus Communis*) and its oil derivatives, which are synthesized into monomers which form the basis of the VESTAMID® *Terra* product range. There are currently three products within this new group of polyamides available:

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- VESTAMID® Terra HS (PA610)
- VESTAMID® Terra DS (PA1010)
- VESTAMID® Terra DD (PA1012)

Due to their excellent chemical resistance, low water absorption, and good dimensional stability, VESTAMID® Terra polyamides are suitable for a large number of applications and processing techniques. This makes them unique in the field of biopolymers, as the VESTAMID® Terra line enables durable products providing high performance with the added benefit of a reduced ecological impact.

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Bioplastics:

Bioplastics are a unique class of materials which are based on renewable resources and/or enable the biodegradation of products made from these polymers.

About FKUR:

FKuR is one of the leading producers of Bioplastic-Compounds for flexible packaging solutions and technical applications. FKUR's range of products includes the product lines Bio-Flex®, Biograde®, Fibrolon®, Terralene® as well as the distribution of a variety of biobased products.

For more information go to: www.fkur.com or www.fkur-biobased.com

About Evonik:

Evonik, the creative industrial group from Germany, is one of the world leaders in specialty chemicals. Profitable growth and a sustained increase in the value of the company form the heart of Evonik's corporate strategy. Its activities focus on the key megatrends health, nutrition, resource efficiency and globalization. Evonik benefits specifically from its innovative prowess and integrated technology platforms.

Evonik is active in over 100 countries around the world. In fiscal 2012 more than 33,000 employees generated sales of around €13.4 billion and an operating profit (adjusted EBITDA) of about €2.4 billion (excluding Real Estate in both cases).

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Picture: Castor Beans, the basis for Bio-PA VESTAMID® Terra

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