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IISRP to Bestow Honor on Industry Leaders

Houston, TX USA 09 November 2009— The International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers, Inc. (IISRP) will honor two of its outstanding leaders at its next Annual General Meeting (AGM). Mr. Jacques Collonge, retired from Eliokem, will be the recipient of the prestigious General Award and Mr. Yasuhiko Takemura, retired from JSR, will receive the coveted Technical Award. The awards will be formally presented during the IISRP's 51st AGM in Dubai the week of 12 April 2010.

“This will be our very first AGM in this region of the world and it will be a great honor for me to present these two Awards to two long time contributors and supporters of the IISRP,” said James L. McGraw, Managing Director & CEO of the IISRP.



Mr. Collonge is being honored for his contribution to the industry **and** to the continuing success of the IISRP. He became an IISRP Director in 1993 and has served as the European Section President and member of the Finance, Pension and Audit Committee, the IISRP's primary oversight committee. He was also the IISRP Treasurer from 2003-2008.

Mr. Collonge received a chemical engineering degree from the Institut de Petrochimie et de Synthese Organique Industrielle in Marsellie in 1972. He also has post graduate work at CNAM, INSEAD and Michigan University. He spent his entire career at Goodyear Chemicals (France) and its spin-off Eliokem. He held numerous management positions rising to the president and general manager of Specialty Chemicals Division of Goodyear from 1993-2001. He became the president and CEO of Eliokem when it was spun-off in 2001 and held that position until his retirement in 2008. He created Katosan, a consulting firm, in December 2008.

Mr. Takemura holds a degree in polymer chemistry at the Graduate School of Engineering Osaka City University. Upon graduation in 1968 he joined Japan Synthetic Rubber Corporation (now known as JSR Corporation). His career has been dedicated to research and development of synthetic rubber and TPE until he retired in 2003.

During his time with JSR Corporation Mr Takemura developed new grades of NBR for improvement of the rubber products, new NBR grades for electrical and electronic materials and new hydrogenated polymers extending TPE applications in the field of polymer modification. He has authored and co-authored 15 publications and holds 12 patents. Since 2006 he has been the president of the Rubber Technology Forum, an affiliated association of the Synthetic Rubber Industry Association of Japan.



The IISRP is an international not-for-profit trade association with corporate members, domiciled in 21 countries, who produce 90 percent of the world's supply of synthetic rubber. Incorporated in 1960 and headquartered in Houston, Texas, the Institute supports section offices in Milan and Tokyo.