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IISRP to Honor Synthetic Rubber Industry Leaders

Houston, TX, 27 October 2011— The International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers, Inc. (IISRP) will honor two of its outstanding leaders at its next Annual General Meeting (AGM). Mr. Peter Boorman, who retired from Shell International in 1996, will be the recipient of the prestigious General Award and Dr. Giandomenic Stella, of ExxonMobil Chemical will receive the coveted Technical Award. Both awards will be formally presented during IISRP's 53rd AGM in Venice, Italy the week of 16 April 2012.

“Venice will be the perfect venue for our 53rd AGM and it will be a great honor for me to present these awards to two outstanding contributors to the synthetic rubber industry and valuable supporters of the IISRP,” said James L. McGraw, Managing Director and CEO of the IISRP.



Mr. Boorman is being honored for his distinguished 45 years in the industry plus his contribution to the IISRP. Peter began his career with International Synthetic Rubber (ISR) in the UK in 1966. In 1983, ISR was acquired by Enoxy Chemicals, from where Peter moved to Shell International. In Shell's elastomer Business, he had a number of increasing managerial responsibilities until his retirement in 1996. During this time he made numerous contributions to the industry with the most significant being the expansion of the IISRP into Russia. He campaigned for the Russian SR Industry leading to the membership of Syntezkachuck, the Russian association of SR producers. This later materialized as three IISRP members from Russia.

Peter served as IISRP Treasure and also President International. During his later service he led the IISRP through their re-structuring process, further strengthening the IISRP as the lead organization for the industry.

Mr. Boorman is the principal at PEB Consultants, a business he founded in 1996, conducting services for the synthetic rubber and ancillary industries, particularly in the development of the use of multi-trip metal packaging as a replacement for wood.



Dr. Giandomenic Stella joined ExxonMobil Chemical in 1974, in the Brussels Technology Center (BTC) , in the Rubber Technology organization. He developed a broad expertise at BTC as he has held a number of technical and managerial positions in the process, products and applications development areas related to ExxonMobil Chemical's elastomers families - EPDM/Vistalon , Butyl, Plastomers/ Exact and functionalized products / Exxelor.

He was instrumental in correlating the EPDM polymer structures with compounds processability and performance, and has developed theories to model the resulting rubber compounds behaviors and attributes. Specifically, he first proposed a theory for the incorporation of carbon black during the mixing cycle. Then, in the mid 1990's, he developed the productivity gain theory for the EPDM bimodal grade technology. In addition, he participated in the development of the metallocene technology, including grades and market development of this new family of EPDM products.

The IISRP is an international not-for-profit trade association with 50 corporate members, domiciled in 21 countries, who produce 80 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.

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