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T-PLAS, the region's specialised platform for the plastics and rubber industries, returns to Bangkok from 20 to 23 September 2017

- **Introducing new focus platforms: bioplastics and plastics for lifestyle packaging**

26 September 2016 – The return of the biennial international trade fair for the plastics and rubber industries, T-PLAS, is set to reaffirm its foothold in the respective manufacturing sectors in Thailand and the region. T-PLAS will once again bring together international professionals and representatives from the plastics and rubber ecosystem to share cutting-edge products and solutions for the relevant industries.

Happening from 20 – 23 September 2017, T-PLAS will showcase a robust variety of technologies and solutions such as advanced machineries for plastics and rubber manufacturing and environmental-friendly equipment for plastics recycling and reprocessing. The trade show will also feature essential exhibits of resins and additives, semi-finished products and reinforced plastics. Complementing the exhibition are seminars and conferences that aim to present and discuss modern-day challenges and solutions for future-proofing processes for the plastics and rubber industries in the region.

Biennially, T-PLAS continues to surpass expectations with strong exhibitor and visitor participations. Driven by the leading global exhibition for plastics, K, organised by Messe Düsseldorf, Germany – the four-day exhibition will continue to build on the positive results accomplished in 2015. Organised by Messe Düsseldorf Asia, T-PLAS will be held at Bangkok International Trade & Exhibition Centre (BITEC), Thailand.

The upcoming edition of T-PLAS will reflect the various sectors that contribute to Thailand's thriving plastics and rubber industries. Amongst these sectors are; automotive, which saw a production increase of 18.45% since 2015, electrical and electronics, which saw a surge of 7.39% in production of goods and appliances, medical and pharmaceutical sector with a combined annual value that is estimated to surpass THB1.5 trillion, and packaging, which accounts for 48% of Thailand's plastic consumption. Thailand is also experiencing high demands for plastics used for creative lifestyle packaging as the e-commerce scene continues to accelerate. Thailand is currently home to one of the largest e-commerce markets in Asia, generating US\$2.1 billion a year, producing a huge consumption for plastics for e-commerce packaging solutions. In addition, Thailand has also seen its bioplastics sectors expanding, with the government investing US\$60 million in its bioplastics development over the past 7 years.

The exhibition will provide a mutually beneficial platform for both exhibitors and visitors to share best practices and shape partnerships, establish corporate presence, discover business prospects to expand into Thailand, or for local companies to step into the global arena. Exhibitors and trade attendees alike can leverage on the trade show to explore the booming ASEAN plastics and rubber markets.



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To further enhance the regional focus and international outlook of the exhibition, T-PLAS will be co-located with PACK PRINT INTERNATIONAL 2017, the 6th International Packaging and Printing Exhibition for Asia. The strategic parallel showing of T-PLAS 2017 and PACK PRINT INTERNATIONAL 2017 will sharpen the profile and enhance the relevancy of the two independent trade fairs. The co-location of the trade fairs have garnered huge response, coming against the backdrop of the AEC (ASEAN Economic Community) in 2015 – the economic integration of the region under a single market and production base. The symbiotic trade fairs in 2017 will bring together the best companies from the packaging, printing, plastics and rubber sectors.

About T-PLAS 2017

Formerly known as TIPREX, launched in 2006, the trade fair has been rebranded to T-PLAS to signify its relevance to the robust growth and developments in the plastics sector, enhance the regional focus and international outlook of the event, and to highlight a unified business platform for the plastics and rubber industries. Strategically positioned in Southeast Asia's largest plastics processing industry, the trade fair enhances its regional focus and provides an international outlook of the abundant strategic opportunities available for participating companies to springboard their foothold into the regional plastics and rubber markets.

About the Organisers

Messe Düsseldorf Asia is a subsidiary of Messe Düsseldorf GmbH, one of the world's leading trade fair organisers, responsible for organising more than 20 global No. 1 exhibitions in industries including plastics, printing and packaging, and medical and healthcare - specifically K, drupa, interpack, MEDICA, COMPAMED and A+A held in Düsseldorf, Germany. Since 1995, MDA's portfolio of trade fairs in Southeast Asia includes the plastics and rubber sectors in Thailand (T-PLAS), Vietnam (PLASTICS & RUBBER VIETNAM) and Indonesia (INDOPLAS), the printing and packaging sectors in Thailand (PACK PRINT INTERNATIONAL) and Indonesia (INDOPACK and INDOPRINT), the wire, cable, tube and pipe industries in Thailand (wire Southeast ASIA and Tube Southeast ASIA), the medical and healthcare industries in Thailand and Singapore (MEDICAL FAIR THAILAND, MEDICAL FAIR ASIA, MEDICAL MANUFACTURING ASIA), the wine and spirits sector (ProWine Asia) and Workplace Safety & Health industries in Singapore (OS+H Asia), and the metal and steel trade sectors in Indonesia (indometal).

Space application is now open for T-PLAS 2017!

For more information on the exhibition, please visit www.tplas.com.

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