

Ashland Inc. offers versatile adhesives for medical applications in Europe

BARCELONA, Spain – Commercially available in Europe from <u>Ashland Performance Materials</u>, a commercial unit of Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH), <u>Aroset</u> AGX-L <u>pressure-sensitive adhesive</u> (PSA) delivers sought-after adhesive technology for the medical industry. Aroset AGX-L PSA features excellent adhesion to fabrics and a combined balance in tack, peel and shear properties for medical applications.

The Aroset AGX-L adhesive is a pure acrylic adhesive in solution that dries to a clear, tacky film. It is coater-ready and prequalified for medical applications. It also complies with U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulation 21 CFR 175.105 for adhesives.

"This toluene-free adhesive combines a unique polymer and cross-linking profile that provides improved anchorage to fabrics and foams, which is a key requirement for bandages or other skin-applied tapes and medical devices," said Stuart May, director of sales, Ashland Performance Materials, Europe, Middle East and Africa.

With a history of success in medical applications, Ashland has provided innovative solutions for the health care industry for more than 35 years. The Aroset line of high-performance pressure-sensitive adhesive products offers a wide range of technical solutions that help customers capitalize on market opportunities. Whether those opportunities are in the wound-care, transdermal, electromedical or diagnostic markets, Ashland can provide an innovative, custom-designed solution to meet the demands of the health care industry.

In addition to Aroset PSAs, Ashland has the expertise to customize waterborne heat-seal and cohesive formulas for the medical packaging market for items such as surgical gloves, medical instruments and bandages.

To learn more about Ashland's wide range of adhesive products, please contact a sales associate at PMeuropesales@ashland.com or visit Ashland's website at www.ashland.com. Ashland Performance Materials is the global leader in unsaturated polyester resins and epoxy vinyl ester resins. In addition, it provides customers with leading technologies in gelcoats, pressure-sensitive and structural adhesives.

In more than 100 countries, the people of <u>Ashland Inc.</u> (NYSE: ASH) provide the specialty chemicals, technologies and insights to help customers create new and improved products for today and sustainable solutions for tomorrow. Our chemistry is at work every day in a wide variety of markets and applications, including architectural coatings, automotive, construction, energy, personal care, pharmaceutical, tissue and towel, and water treatment. Visit www.ashland.com to see the innovations we offer through our four commercial units – Ashland Aqualon Functional Ingredients, Ashland Hercules Water Technologies, Ashland Performance Materials and Ashland Consumer Markets (Valvoline).

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