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New transparent polypropylene from Cuyo and Novolen Technology

The Hague, June 30 – Petroquimica Cuyo (Argentina) and Novolen Technology Holdings C.V. (NTH) have jointly developed the Cuyotec® SP 551 polypropylene, a high clarity copolymer with improved low temperature impact resistance.

This new polypropylene widens the range of available packaging materials and serves the market needs for injection molded thin walled packaging containers with excellent optical and mechanical properties, even under deep freeze conditions – enabling it a most interesting application for the packaging of high quality ice cream and other deep frozen products.

Houseware and food applications such as freezer and storage boxes and containers, as well as non-food packaging like transparent paint containers for water-based paints, are other potential applications.

Petroquimica Cuyo and Novolen Technology Holdings C.V. (NTH) are closely cooperating in product and technological development. Petroquimica Cuyo operates a PP plant using Novolen gas-phase technology and is one of the leading technological PP manufacturers in Latin America. The company uses the flexibility of the Novolen technology for the development and production of specialty polypropylenes, which are marketed under the Cuyotec® trade name.

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Novolen Technology Holdings C.V., a joint venture of ABB and Equistar, is a leading polypropylene technology provider with extensive research facilities in the United States and Europe. Its proprietary Novolen gas-phase process has been licensed worldwide for more than 30 years.

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