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ARGOTEC JOINS WITH DELSTAR TECHNOLOGIES AT MD&M WEST TO BROADEN THEIR POLYURETHANE FILM & SHEET OFFERING AND ADD NEW PRODUCTS FOR CRITICAL MEDICAL APPLICATIONS

GREENFIELD, MA, January 26, 2016 — Argotec LLC, of Greenfield Massachusetts U.S.A., today announced that it will add DelStar Technologies products to their exhibit of thermoplastic polyurethane (TPU) film, sheet and tubing at Booth 1267, MD&M West in Anaheim, California, on February 9-11, 2016. Included will be the following:

- ArgoMed® TPU Multipurpose Medical Film & Sheet
- ArgoMedPLUS® TPU Film-on-Paper
- ArgoTube™ TPU tubing
- DelStar Technologies healthcare laminates, films, nettings and melt-blown nonwovens

In 2015 Argotec LLC and DelStar Technologies Inc. were acquired by SWM International, Inc. Now sister companies, their respective product offerings blend well in providing key components to the medical device and wound-care segments of the medical industry.

Argotec polyurethane-based products are designed for use where typical plasticized vinyl components lack the physical characteristics required for many critical medical applications:

ArgoMed® TPU Multipurpose Medical Film & Sheet serves as both liquid and viral barriers, shielding patients and staff from potentially harmful blood-borne pathogens. They are highly conformable and provide excellent patient comfort. In addition, ArgoMed TPU film & sheet can be die-cut and sealed into a variety of inflatable configurations. End products made from

ArgoMed TPU have exceptionally long shelf lives because TPU contains no plasticizers to leach out over time and cause embrittlement.

ArgoMed film and sheet is available in thicknesses ranging from 0.5- to 125-mils, widths up to 85-inches, and lengths up to 1000 unspliced yards, depending on film gauge. Thin or thick, gloss or matte, aliphatic or aromatic, polyester or polyether, waterproof-breathable or not, ArgoMed high-performance TPU films are ideal for use in a wide variety of critical medical applications, including transdermal patches, IV site dressings, surgical gowns and drapes, incontinence pads, compression dressings, orthopedic gel insoles, medical anti-shock trousers, inflatable support bladders, hospital mattresses and covers, pressure infuser cuffs, and many more.

ArgoMedPLUS® TPU Film-on-Paper will also be exhibited at MD&M West. It is a revolutionary 1.0-mil by 60-inch-wide product that gives medical adhesive coaters, converters and distributor/retailers an alternative film source with which to participate in the frame-type wound dressing and surgical drape markets.

Utilizing ArgoMed® 18411, a highly successful, waterproof-breathable, aromatic-polyether TPU film cast on a proprietary paper carrier, ArgoMedPLUS provides just the right controlled peel release values between paper and TPU film so that the kiss-cut manufacturing process can be employed. The resulting union between film and paper is:

- Tight enough so the film and paper remain intact during the pressure-sensitive-adhesive coating and slitting process;
- Loose enough so the kiss-cut window can be detached from the TPU film, either by vacuum or adhesive tape removal techniques;
- Tight enough so the remaining frame stays affixed to the TPU film after the kiss-cut window is removed;
- Loose enough so when the medical practitioner applies the dressing the frame separates easily from the TPU film without pulling the adhesive away from the patient's skin.

Wound dressings and drapes made with ArgoMedPLUS 18411 Film-on-Paper provide patient comfort; they are highly conformable, exhibit excellent stretch and recovery, and have high moisture-vapor-transmission. Made with USP Class IV or VI certified components, this film-on-paper composite will meet downstream biocompatibility standards. It contains no processing aids or modifiers; therefore, the surface tension of the film makes it compatible with the most

commonly used medical-grade adhesive systems. It can also withstand commercial EtO and gamma sterilization processes while retaining consistent peel values.

ArgoTube™ TPU Tubing is the choice of medical design professionals for its inherent toughness, burst strength, abrasion resistance, flex life, elastic recovery, temperature and chemical resistance. It is available in a full range of standard inside diameters from 1/16-in. to 1¼-in., in wall thicknesses ranging from 1/32-in. to 1/8-in., and in clear or virtually any custom color desired.

Two or more lengths of ArgoMed TPU Tubing can also be bonded to each other to create a single, multiple tube unit. This Pluro-tubing™ configuration can incorporate any diameter, wall thickness or tubing color to create color-coded combinations for use in pneumatic harnesses or to carry dissimilar gasses or liquids.

DelStar Technologies Inc. manufactures unique thermoplastic materials that serve as trusted components in a range of healthcare products:

Stratex™ laminated pad-stock items, utilized in most of the finger bandages produced worldwide. Up to five layers of facings and substrates can be combined without chemical adhesives.

Delnet® apertured film is engineered to achieve precise rates of permeability. The fine mesh provides a flexible, breathable barrier layer that is non-adherent to skin. It is ideal for use as a bandage pad stock facing or as a structural layer in surgical drapes, gowns and facemasks.

Naltex® extruded netting is an open mesh available in numerous configurations to enhance air and liquid flow in facemasks and filters, to protect delicate medical devices during cleaning or storage, or for lightweight, protective and disposable packaging.

DelPore™ melt-blown nonwoven media for filtration applications, including medical facemasks, as well as for unique wound care applications and spill safety or drug preparation pads.

About Argotec

Argotec is a supplier of custom engineered, high-performance, polyurethane film and sheet for a wide variety of critical applications. In addition to flat-die, cast-on-carrier and blown-film-extrusion technologies, Argotec has expertise in resin formulation, substrate design, extrusion coating, and multi-layer constructions. Argotec provides polyurethane-based products globally to the international specialty films market, including optical interlayers, surface protection and graphic films, films and tubing for medical applications, adhesive coaters, plastics converters and

fabricators, as well as direct to OEM's. Further information about Argotec may be obtained at <http://www.argotec.com/content/medical-films>.

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Note to Editor: High-resolution photographs of the low-res thumbnails shown below are available upon request from Rob Nicoll, rpicoll@verizon.net.



Typical kiss-cut frame dressings and drapes are made possible with Argotec's ArgoMedPLUS® TPU Film-on-Paper composite.



Argotec's ArgoMed® TPU film & sheet is ideal for inflatables as well as a wide variety of other medical applications.



ArgoMed® TPU Tubing is available in a wide variety of dimensions, colors and configurations, including Pluro-Tubing™ (shown).



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