

## Advanced Composites Recognized by General Motors as a

# 2012 Supplier of the Year Winner

TOKYO ---General Motors (GM) recognized <u>Advanced Composites</u>, a subsidiary of <u>Mitsui</u> <u>Chemicals</u> (Tokyo: 4183), as one of its best global automotive suppliers on Wednesday, March 13 during its 21<sup>st</sup> annual Supplier of the Year awards ceremony. The event was held at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit.



"Advanced Composites and its parent company Mitsui Chemicals are strongly committed to the success of GM and the entire global automotive industry," stated Advanced Composites spokesperson. "We are honored to be recognized with the GM Supplier of the Year award and are very happy to be a part of the GM global supply base."

Advanced Composites was one of only 83 suppliers recognized by GM who have consistently exceeded GM's expectations by being innovative, delivering quality products and services on time and by creating outstanding value. This is the first time Advanced Composites has received the Supplier of the Year award.

"Advanced Composites helped play a critical role in GM's success in 2012 through their dedication and commitment to consistently exceed our expectations by being innovative, delivering high quality products and services on time and by creating outstanding value," said Grace Lieblein, GM vice president, Global Purchasing and Supply Chain. "We are thrilled to recognize Advanced Composites, who we consider to be a world-class supplier."

The Supplier of the Year award is given to less than 1 percent of GM's approximately 18,500 suppliers around the world. The winners are recognized for delivering innovative technology, superior quality, timely crisis management and competitive, total-enterprise cost solutions.

Advanced Composites is a producer of engineered Polypropylene Compounds uniquely developed for the global automotive industry with varied applications such as; exterior bumpers, instrument panels and interior applications related to deployable airbag applications.

The Supplier of the Year winners are chosen by a global team of GM purchasing, engineering, quality, manufacturing and logistics executives.

#### About Advanced Composites

Advanced Composites is a proud member of the Mitsui Chemical global network of PP compounding companies. Our goal is to design, produce, and supply the global automotive industry with products that provide solutions for the OEM plastic challenges, while remaining a committed member of the global community.

#### About Mitsui Chemicals

Mitsui Chemicals (Tokyo: 4183, ISIN: JP3888300005) contributes broadly to society by providing high-quality products and services to customers through innovations and creation of materials and products while keeping in harmony with the global environment. Mitsui Chemicals' business portfolio includes petrochemicals, basic chemicals, polyurethanes, functional polymeric materials, functional chemicals, and films & sheets.

When it comes to pp compounds for automotive use, its production facilities have spread all over the world, including Japan, U.S.A, Mexico, Brazil, Europe, India, Thailand, and China. The Mitsui Chemicals Group traces its origins back to 1912. The Group now has over 100 companies and around 13,000 employees in over 10 countries worldwide. In the fiscal year ending March 2012, the Group posted consolidated sales of US\$ 17,691 million. More information can be found at <a href="http://www.mitsuichem.com">http://www.mitsuichem.com</a>

### About General Motors Co.

General Motors Co. (NYSE:GM, TSX: GMM) and its partners produce vehicles in 30 countries, and the company has leadership positions in the world's largest and fastest-growing automotive markets. GM's brands include Chevrolet and Cadillac, as well as Baojun, Buick, GMC, Holden, Isuzu, Jiefang, Opel, Vauxhall and Wuling. More information on the company and its subsidiaries, including OnStar, a global leader in vehicle safety, security and information services, can be found at <u>http://www.gm.com</u>.

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