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**Merquinsa & DuPont™ Collaborate on Renewably-sourced™  
Thermoplastic Polyurethanes (TPUs)**

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Merquinsa today announced at NPE2009, The International Plastics Showcase (Chicago, June 22-26), the launch of a new family of Pearlthane® ECO TPU grades made with DuPont™ Cerenol® renewably-sourced polyol in a strategic collaboration between the two companies.

It will complement Merquinsa's existing Pearlthane® ECO polyester and polyether ranges based on renewable sources designed for a wide range of footwear, sport & leisure, electronics and automotive applications among others.

Pearlthane® ECO is Merquinsa's recyclable- and renewable-sourced specialty TPU elastomer range that recently received the Frost & Sullivan 2008 Global TPU Product Innovation Green Excellence of the Year Award.

DuPont™ Cerenol® polyols are ideal soft segments for thermoplastic polyurethane elastomers. They offer high performance with the added benefit of being environmentally responsible using ingredients made with renewable resources instead of petrochemicals.

"We are very excited about this strategic collaboration with DuPont™ as one of the world leaders in renewable raw materials solutions. Pearlthane® ECO made with DuPont™ Cerenol® shows outstanding properties comparable to petrochemically-based TPUs", said Merquinsa spokesman.

"DuPont is pleased to work with Merquinsa to make high-performance TPUs made with Cerenol® available to the market. Merquinsa is a highly innovative polyurethane (PU) producer with a proven track record for introducing sustainable offerings," said Ray W. Miller, Cerenol® Global Business Manager. "In addition, we are delighted with the pace of development Merquinsa has shown with this exciting new product line."

### **About Merquinsa:**

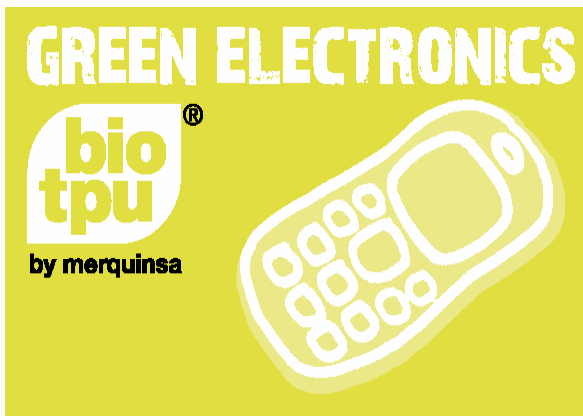
Merquinsa is a leading thermoplastic polyurethane (TPU) specialty producer, providing innovative products for injection molding, extrusion, calendaring, melt coating, compounding and adhesive applications.

Merquinsa was recently granted the Frost & Sullivan 2008 Global Thermoplastic Urethane (TPU) Product Innovation Green Excellence of the Year Award. This award recognizes Merquinsa's innovation in biopolymers, with its groundbreaking Bio TPU made from renewable Carbon resources and successfully marketed globally under Pearlthane® and Pearlbond® ECO brands.

Merquinsa's headquarters are in Barcelona, Spain with regional centers in Asia and North America.

For more information about Merquinsa, and **PEARLTHANE®**, **PEARLCOAT®**, **PEARLBOND®**, **PEARLSTICK®** and **DISPERBOND®** specialty TPU resins, please visit our Web site at [www.merquinsa.com](http://www.merquinsa.com) or call 603 474 0971.

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