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DuPont Plunkett Award Winners Use Fluoropolymers to Enable Cutting-Edge Solutions
Awards Celebrate 75 Years of Innovation using DuPont™ Teflon® Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)

WILMINGTON, Del., March 10, 2014 – Seventy-five years ago a DuPont scientist discovered the world’s first fluoropolymer. After all this time, the unique properties of fluoropolymers continue to enable innovators across many industries to deliver solutions to critical challenges.

DuPont Fluoropolymer Solutions (DuPont) today announced the Americas regional winners of the DuPont Plunkett Awards, given in recognition of new, cutting-edge applications for DuPont fluoropolymers. The 2013 Plunkett Awards coincide with the 75th anniversary of the discovery of PTFE by DuPont scientist Dr. Roy Plunkett and reward outstanding technical developments in the field of fluoroplastics.

The Americas-region winners of the most recent competition, which opened last year, include W. L. Gore and Associates, Inc., Elkton, Md.; Dimension Bond Corporation, Chicago, Ill.; and Maxwell Technologies, Inc., San Diego, Calif. Winning entries are judged by a panel of regional experts who evaluate the submissions for their degree of innovation, sustainability impact, and breadth of use and commercial significance.

“We encourage innovation by processors or users of fabricated products who have devised new or improved products or applications incorporating DuPont fluoropolymers such as Teflon®, Tefzel® and Zonyl® fluoropolymers, films, finishes and coatings,” said Douglas Hayes, North America sales manager, DuPont Fluoropolymer Solutions. “The Plunkett Awards recognize new and exciting applications for DuPont fluoropolymers that are on the cutting edge of innovation, sustainability and market applications.”

The winning companies will be honored at an awards presentation dinner at the Hotel du Pont in Wilmington, Del., in the spring. Winning entries will be featured at www.plunkett.dupont.com.

DuPont (NYSE: DD) has been bringing world-class science and engineering to the global marketplace in the form of innovative products, materials, and services since 1802. The company believes that by collaborating with customers, governments, NGOs, and thought leaders we can help find solutions to such global challenges as providing enough healthy food for people everywhere, decreasing dependence on fossil fuels, and protecting life and the environment. For additional information about DuPont and its commitment to inclusive innovation, please visit <http://www.dupont.com>.

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