

SCRATCH BEHAVIOR IN POLYMERS CONSORTIUM MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership Fee **\$15,000.00/Year** From April 1, 20__ to March 31, 20__

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Polymer Technology Center
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The Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station ("TEES"), a member of The Texas A&M University System ("TAMUS"), an agency of the State of Texas, on behalf of its Polymer Technology Center ("PTC") has established the Scratch Behavior in Polymers Consortium ("Consortium").

The members of Consortium ("Members") intend to join together with TEES and other Members in a cooperative effort to support the Consortium, develop a better understanding of Scratch Behavior in Polymers, promote innovative research in this field, foster interactions between industry and the TEES Polymer Technology Center, and facilitate further research cooperation.

1. Consortium Research

1.1 "Affiliate" means any business entity:

- (a) More than 50% owned by any Member;
- (b) Which owns more than 50% of any Member; or
- (c) That is more than 50% owned by a business entity that owns more than 50% of any Member.

1.2 "Consortium Research Project" means a research project conducted by the Polymer Technology Center during the Term and supported by Consortium funds.

1.3 "Inventions" means inventions, developments, or discoveries first conceived under a Consortium Research Project.

1.4 "Software" means computer software (including both source and executable code), its documentation, and/or information databases first produced in the performance of a Consortium Research Project.

1.5 "Term" means from the date of execution by Member below until TEES terminates the Consortium or Member declines to pay the annual membership fee.

2. Consortium Membership and Operation

The Scratch Behavior in Polymers Consortium (SBPC), an activity of the Polymer Technology Center, presents an innovative and effective mechanism for collaboration between academia and industry in the area of scratch resistant polymer materials. These types of collaborations enable faculty to be responsive to today's technological challenges and to jointly seek solutions with industry to the problems facing our nation and the world. They also serve to assure the university that its research programs being undertaken are current and relevant.

Member companies will participate in the determination of the technical research directions of the research program of the SBPC. Projects are proposed by the SBPC Technical Advisory Committee and selected by the SBPC Executive Steering Committee, subject to applicable laws. Each company will have one representative on the SBPC Executive Steering Committee and up to four representatives on the SBPC Technical Committee. The director of the SBPC will also be a member of the SBPC Executive Steering Committee, which will meet annually. All faculty members from TEES who are actively involved in the SBPC research activity will serve as members of the SBPC technical committee, which will meet semi-annually. An annual research symposium will be held for member companies so that detailed oral presentations of SBPC research accomplishments can be presented to the member companies.

Faculty members and their respective graduate students and post-doctoral research fellows shall carry out the research projects selected by the SBPC Executive Steering Committee, under the advisement and direction of the director of the SBPC. Member companies assume no liability for the health, safety, and well being of TEES employees who engage in this project.

The annual fee for membership for each resin producing member company is \$15,000. Renewal of membership is on an annual basis at the option of each member company acting separately and individually.

3. Intellectual Property Rights

The Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station and The Texas A&M University System hold all copyrights to and software developed in this consortium and holds all rights, titles, and interest to any patents or intellectual property, which are developed as a result of research supported by the consortium.

4. Publication

4.1 TEES may not release or publish outside of the Consortium the results of any Consortium Research Project for one year from the date TEES discloses those results to the Members. This restriction does not apply to the filing or publication of any student thesis or dissertation.

Consortia Company Name

Date

Authorized Signature

Title