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Given the projected downtrend in the growth of the global economy and the vast capacity expansion planned for the coming years, especially in China, the polyamide industry will have to perform a difficult balancing act if it is to remain healthy and profitable. The 2012 PCI Nylon Symposium will assist decision-makers in the European polyamide industry in their planning processes, by delivering information and analysis on current trends in the global polyamide market, with a particular focus on their effects in Europe. For example:

■ China is a key driver for the polyamide business. Is the current slowdown in China, coupled with the economic problems in Europe and the USA, a temporary aberration, or is it a structural return to more normal levels of demand?

■ Engineering plastics account for 40% of the 7 million tonnes of current global consumption of PA6 and PA66.

Demand comes mainly from the automotive manufacturing industry. Will declining economic growth and automotive innovation diminish this market?

■ Textile fibre is another important application, with around 20% of global demand.

Will this sector continue to grow, or will the threat of PET substitution increase? Can the growth in the industrial and textile sectors offset the decline in fibre demand in the carpet and staple segments?

■ How will the new capacity expansions being planned in China affect Europe?

Europe is expected to export 610ktes of caprolactam to China in 2011. How will this look in future?

■ During the last decade, polyamide film has increased its share of total European PA6 consumption from 7% to 11%. What is driving this? And will this rate of growth continue?

■ What progress has been made in the synthesis of polyamide intermediates using biological processes? Will this enable nylon to improve its relatively poor standing in the sustainability league?

The PCI Nylon Symposium has a deserved reputation for focusing its select and high calibre audience on core issues in the nylon business, delivering valuable insight into the strengths and weaknesses of individual market positions. The Symposium has important messages for business managers,

marketers, purchasers, business analysts and all those charged with managing significant nylon chain businesses. Above all the PCI Nylon Symposium will assist you to optimise market positioning and performance in a nylon world which already shows signs of looking much more challenging over the next few years.

This Symposium will interpret the central themes which will shape the course of the nylon business over the coming years.

ROUND TABLE SESSIONS

Round table sessions are interactive groups that provide a great opportunity for a more in-depth exchange of views. These sessions will give participants the opportunity to challenge and debate the market views presented by PCI at the Symposium, thereby deepening the discussion. There will be three separate round tables (Intermediates/Polymers, Engineering Plastics/Films, Fibres/Textiles) and participants can move freely between these, depending on their particular interests.

Each round table will be facilitated by a PCI table host who will stimulate discussion and engage participants in a process of reflection. The PCI table host will ensure that all discussions fully comply with European Union Competition Law. A fully qualified lawyer will also be in attendance.

Following the period of discussion, the PCI table hosts will present the conclusions of each session to all participants.

VENUE

The symposium takes place at :
HILTON Frankfurt, Hochstraße 4, 60313 Frankfurt
For more information see the website:
<http://www.hilton.de/frankfurt>

TRANSPORTATION

The HILTON Frankfurt is about 20 minutes from Frankfurt airport and 5 minutes from Frankfurt main station by car / taxi. It can easily be reached by public transport from both airport and station.

Car parking is available on payment.

Route planning and timetables available under:
www.frankfurt.de

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PROGRAMME

Monday 27th February

12:30 -14:00 **Registration and Lunch Buffet**

14:00 **INTRODUCTION**

Dr. Robin MacDonald / Dr. Swen Vykydal

14:10 **FEEDSTOCK**

Jacobs Consultancy

14:50 **POLYAMIDE INTERMEDIATES AND POLYMERS**

Dr. Robin MacDonald, PCI Nylon GmbH

15:30 **Coffee**

16:00 **POLYAMIDES: BALANCING THE OFFER TO MEET MARKET CHALLENGES**

Erico Spini, RadiciGroup Plastics

16:40 **THE AGE AND EDGE OF POLYAMIDE**

Frederic Petit, DSM Engineering Plastics

17:20 **CONCLUSIONS OF THE DAY**

18:00 - 20:00 **Cocktails**

Tuesday 28th February

8:15 - 9:00 **Light Breakfast Buffet**

09:00 **NYLON INDUSTRIAL FILAMENTS**

Kordsa Global

09:40 **NYLON CARPET FIBRES**

PCI Fibres

10:20 **Coffee**

10:50 **POLYAMIDE FILMS**

Simon King, PCI Films Consulting Limited

11:30 **APPLICATION OF BIOLOGICAL PROCESSES TO POLYAMIDE**

BioAmber S. A.

12:10 **CLOSING DISCUSSION SYMPOSIUM**

13:00 **Lunch**

14:00 **ROUND TABLE SESSIONS**

15:00 **Coffee**

15:30 **CONCLUSIONS ROUND TABLE SESSIONS**

17:00 **End**

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REGISTRATION FORM

Please photocopy for multiple delegates.

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Please register the following delegate

Please type or print clearly in block capitals.

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I wish to book for the PCI Nylon Symposium
and I understand this registration is made
subject to the cancellation terms as stated.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Registered by: _____

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REGISTRATION FEE:

€ 1140 Symposium registration per attendee*

Group discounts for 3 or more attendees:

€ 1080 Symposium registration per attendee*

* Plus VAT

PAYMENT OPTIONS (please tick)

Invoice

Please invoice my company

VAT-No: _____

Purchase order no: _____

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Amex

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DELEGATE INFORMATION:

Date: 27th/28th February 2012

Symposium Registration Fee: The fee includes
admission to the symposium, symposium docu-
mentation when supplied by speakers, lunch and
cocktails on 27.02.2012, breakfast and lunch on
28.02.2012 and refreshments on both days.

Full payment of fees is due before the date of
the symposium.

Cancellation Policy: All cancellations must be
made in writing to the above address. In the
event of cancellation before 01.02.2012, a 20%
administration fee will be deducted. For cancel-
lations after 01.02.2012, no refund will be given,
although substitutions can be made at any time
prior to the symposium, free of charge.

Hotel Accommodation: To book a room at pref-
erential symposium rate of € 159 including VAT,
please call the **HILTON Frankfurt** on
+49 (0)69 133 800 0 and state "PCI Nylon 2012".
This special rate will be available for all partici-
pants until two weeks before the event (**offer
closes on 13.02.2012**).

Attendees are financially responsible for their trans-
portation costs, for payment of their individual hotel
room, food and beverages besides those listed, and
any other personal services requested during their
stay.