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***Ti* enters bioplastic market by investing into BoPLA film production**

Leading BoPP film producer **Taghleef Industries (*Ti*)** is pleased to announce its commitment to the development of sustainable packaging by introducing a fully natural film range. The films will be based on NatureWorks® PLA (PolyLactic Acid) polymers, which are marketed under the brand name Ingeo™ and which are 100% made from renewable resources.

This natural origin combines the advantages of both not using oil-derivates as a raw material as well as offering a wider range of end-of-life options, including recycling and industrial composting.

In fact, when disposed in an industrial composting facility, PLA film is biodegradable and compostable according to European standard EN13432 and completely converts into carbon dioxide, water and biomass by microbial digestion. In addition, Ingeo™ biopolymer is registered by AIB Vincotte under the OK Biobased certification scheme with the highest 4 star **** rating of renewable carbon content.

Valerio Garzitto, CEO *Ti* Europe explains "We are putting substantial efforts into upgrading our production for the manufacturing of BoPLA films at our Italian site. We will launch our new BoPLA product range in the 4th quarter this year and will offer a film portfolio of different thicknesses and aesthetical appearances to meet customers' requirements. The new compostable films can be used in various packaging applications, such as fresh produce, bakery, dairy or confectionery and will complement the existing bio-plastics used in packaging already."



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In line with *Ti's* investment in Research and Development, a strong and professional technical team has already been positioned to work closely with customers to develop the best bio-based solutions tailored for their market.

"*Ti*, as a responsible manufacturer, is serious about the concept of sustainability" – Dr Detlef Schuhmann, CEO *Ti* Group said – "and the commitment to this latest development is another indication that we aim to be at the forefront of the packaging film industry for years to come".

"We are happy to have partnered with such a committed player like *Ti*. We are confident that their expertise in the packaging film market will support the continuous growth and the acceptance of BoPLA films, which will drive the change to more sustainable packaging." commented Mark Vergauwen, European Commercial Director of NatureWorks LLC.

About Taghleef Industries

Headquartered in Dubai, Ti has 6 production sites across the globe with a nominal capacity of 260,000tpy. Ti develops, manufactures and markets BoPP (bi-oriented polypropylene) and CPP (cast polypropylene) films for snacks, confectionery, bakery/biscuits, fresh produce packaging as well as for labelling and adhesive tapes. Ti offers a portfolio of high quality transparent, white voided and metallised films to its customers in more than 100 countries.
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