

ARLANXEO at Tire Technology Expo 2020, Hanover, Germany: Enabling high-performance tire solutions

- **Leader in performance elastomers features tire performance technologies in Hall 20, booth C330**
- **Expert presentations by David Hardy on tire test results with new functionalised SSBRs and Dr. Kilian Wüst on functionalized Butadiene rubber for tire applications**

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Maastricht – ARLANXEO, a global leader in performance elastomers, will highlight their latest achievements and developments in high-performance tire solutions from February 25 - 27th, at the Tire Technology Expo 2020 in Hall 20, booth C330 in Hanover, Germany. In addition, two ARLANXEO experts will hold presentations at the conference highlighting advancements in the tire material science sector on February 26th.

David Hardy, Technical Service and Development Manager at ARLANXEO, will present tire test results of two functionalised SSBR grades – Buna FX 5000 and Buna FX 3234A-2 - that have been run in comparison to standard SSBR grades Buna VSL 3038-2HM and VSL 2438-2HM. In addition, Hardy will discuss these actual tire test results with those obtained by usual laboratory testing predictors. ARLANXEO's Technical Manager Dr. Kilian Wüst will also be presenting on recent developments for functionalized butadiene rubbers and their effects on critical tire properties.

Charles Page, Vice President Global Marketing & Sales TSR: "Given the significant changes the automotive sector is currently facing, innovation is key in our business to support high-performance tire requirements both today and tomorrow. Our latest trials show that

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our functionalized rubber solutions can support the production of tires with improved performance and rolling resistance, ultimately leading to reduced fuel consumption and environmental impact.”

In the tire sector, ARLANXEO’s high-tech rubber solutions offer exceptional dynamic properties, strong permeability resistance, excellent resilience and grip, reduced rolling resistance and high durability, ensuring the highest tire performance while decreasing fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions. They are used in, for example, the inner liners (the airtight layers) of tires as well as for the tread, side walls and other tire components. Other applications include chewing gum, sport and golf balls, hoses and conveyor belts.

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ARLANXEO’s tire & specialty rubbers are marketed under two brands: X Butyl® which stands for premium butyl rubber products, and Buna® which stands for a multilateral range of modern butadiene rubber products.

ARLANXEO in the Conference Program

“Tire Test Results with New Functionalised S-SBRs” by David Hardy, Technical Service and Development Manager, BU Tire & Specialty Rubbers TS&D / R&D, ARLANXEO Deutschland GmbH: 26 February, 09:00 AM, Location Stream 3.

“Functionalised Butadiene rubber for Tire Applications” by Dr. Kilian Wüst, Technical Manager, BU Tire & Specialty Rubbers, TS&D / R&D, ARLANXEO Deutschland GmbH: 26 February, 09:25 AM, Location Stream 3.

About ARLANXEO

ARLANXEO is a world-leading synthetic rubber company with sales of around EUR 3.2 billion in 2018, about 3,900 employees and a presence at over 20 sites in 10 countries. The company’s core business is the development, manufacturing and marketing of high-performance rubber for use in, for example, the automotive and tire industries, the construction industry, and the oil and gas industries. ARLANXEO was established in April



2016 as a joint venture of LANXESS and Saudi Aramco. On December 31st, 2018, Saudi Aramco, a leading producer of energy and chemicals, became the sole owner of ARLANXEO.

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