



Foster Corporation Becomes North American Distributor of Ascend Performance Materials Nylon-Based Materials Targeting the Healthcare Market

Putnam, CT – (May 5, 2022) – Foster Corporation’s Distribution business, a leader in material solutions for the “critical application” healthcare market segment, has been appointed as the marketing partner for Ascend Performance Materials’ portfolio of nylon engineered materials including its nylon 6,6 products as well as its long-chain and amorphous nylons. Foster Distribution will provide sales, technical support, and order fulfillment support for the above brands from its locations in Connecticut and Nevada.

Ascend’s portfolio includes nylon 6,6; nylon 6, 10 and 6,12. Nylon 6,6 polymers are recognized for their high-performance characteristics including high mechanical strength, rigidity, and heat stability. Nylon 6,10 and 6,12 polymers have added functionality such as greater flexibility, high dimensional stability, and excellent chemical resistance. Medical applications include diagnostics, medical mobility, hygiene, medical packaging, surgical tools, as well as many others.

“Nylon 6,6; 6,10; and 6,12 products have been underused in the healthcare market,” said Larry Johnson, President, Foster Distribution. “Ascend’s nylon brands are synonymous with quality in the plastics world. That quality will now be available to healthcare customers looking for engineering materials that meet the stringent demands for high-performance medical device applications where toughness and durability are key application needs.”

“We are pleased to partner with Foster Distribution and explore opportunities for our broad nylon portfolio in the healthcare sector,” said Dhruv Shah, Ascend’s Global Business Manager for healthcare. “We continue to invest in our portfolio, as well as technical resources to aid in application and material development.”

For more information about Foster Distribution’s full suite of medical-grade polymers and solutions, please contact our Foster Sales Team on our website at www.fosterpolymers.com.

About Foster Corporation

For over thirty years Foster Corporation has been serving medical device manufacturers with industry leading technology and service in biomedical materials. These include custom medical compounds, implantable materials, and polymer distribution. Within ISO 13485:2016 facilities, Foster offers comprehensive support to customers from formulation development through production.

About Ascend Performance Materials

Ascend Performance Materials makes high-performance materials for everyday essentials and new technologies. Our focus is on improving quality of life and inspiring a better tomorrow through innovation. Based in Houston, Texas, and with regional offices in Shanghai, Brussels and Detroit, we are a fully integrated material solutions provider with global manufacturing facilities in North America, Europe and Asia. Our 2,800-person global workforce makes the engineered materials, fabrics, fibers and chemicals used to make safer vehicles, cleaner energy, better medical devices, smarter appliances and longer-lasting apparel and consumer goods. We are committed to safety, sustainability, inclusion and diversity, and to the success of our customers and our communities.

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