

## **Alliance Polymers & Services (APS) Purchases Arburg Injection Molding Machine for APS Compounding and R & D Facilities**

**ROMULUS, MI (June 28, 2013)** - APS (Alliance Polymers and Services, LLC), in its quest to become North America's complete TPE compounder/distributor/technical support firm (TPEs, TPVs, TPRs, TPOs, TPUs and alloys), has purchased their first injection molding machine to complement the firm's growing compounding and R & D facilities. The unit is a 100 ton machine made by Arburg.

The IM machine acquisition will enable APS to test and run formulations ordered by customers to ensure the ability of the TPE to process easily and if the formulations require additives or fillers from the firm's compounding department. This press will also be used to assist designers to fine tune small parts and enable customers to prototype other resins and compounds. It will also give APS the ability to test mold and assure customers that they will have the ability to put out quality parts.

According to Stephane Morin, Principal of APS, "Our initial goal, when we opened our doors four years ago, was to become a total thermoplastic elastomer resource, offering our own formulations of all types of TPEs as well as those we source from manufacturers worldwide. With our recent introduction of our very own line of TPVs and TPUs (specifically Viprene™ thermoplastic vulcanizates and Zythane™ thermoplastic polyurethanes), we knew we had to bolster the size and scope of both our compounding and R & D facilities. That led to our recent purchase of the Arburg unit."

APS (Alliance Polymers and Services LLC) is an established TPE technology resource offering service, technical support and TPE materials for consumer and industrial applications. Company offerings include Maxelast® TPEs, Viprene™ TPVs, Zythane™ TPUs, TPE alloys, compounding services and custom and standard soft elastomer formulations.

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