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Addex Introduces Two New Gauge-Control Enhancement Systems at NPE 2012

ORLANDO, Fla., April 1, 2012 – Addex Inc., a leading global supplier of blown film equipment and components, has unveiled two new gauge-control enhancement systems that help processors optimize the bubble control system, reduce scrap, and precisely meet product specifications. The novel systems were introduced at NPE 2012: The International Plastics Showcase, April 1-5, 2012 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando (Booth #5181).

Addex has developed a new gauging system called ALF (All LayFlat), which locates the sensor within the collapsing frame itself, and thus is able to seamlessly accommodate a wide range of layflat widths. In preliminary testing, Addex reports that one blown film processor was able to run the system on layflats ranging from 30 to 100 in.

“Our system eliminates the live ring and thus eliminates the previous limits on the range of bubble diameters,” said Rick von Kraus, president of Addex Inc.

The unit provides simplified installation by eliminating time-consuming wiring when integrated with the company’s air-ring based external gauge control system. Addex also offers a two-sensor system which allows readings to be taken on both sides of the collapsing frame. This can cut in half both measurement and response times of the air ring or the internal gauge control system.

Addex also introduced a new infrared-based sensor which allows for critical online thickness measurement of barrier materials such as nylon and EVOH within multilayer structures for food packaging. The infrared system offers significant benefits over typical

capacity and nuclear systems because it can actually distinguish between layers instead of providing an overall thickness gauge.

Addex said both gauge-control products have been installed in commercial applications in North America.

About Addex Inc.

Addex Inc., based in Stoughton, Mass., USA, was founded in July 1989 as a supplier of high-performance components for blown film production. Today, Addex has supplied some of the most sophisticated technologies capable of producing very flat film, without camber, with the lowest possible gauge variation and the highest possible output. The company is a leading manufacturer of many patented blown film components and systems including manual and automated gauge controls, dies, air rings, internal bubble cooling systems, oscillating haul-offs, and winders, as well as leading designs of gravimetric blenders and bubble cages. For more information, visit www.addexinc.com.

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