



News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:
Century Extrusion
2412 West Aero Park Court
Traverse City, MI 49686
Phone: (231) 947-6400
E-mail: sales@centuryextrusion.com

Asahi Kasei
900 E. Van Riper Road
Fowlerville, MI 48836
Phone: (517) 223-2000

For More Information:
Century Extrusion
Charlie Spearing, General Manager,
Global Twin Screw Operations
spearingc@centuryextrusion.com
(231) 947-6400

Asahi Kasei
Prasad Puttagunta, VP Operations,
npputtagunta@akplastics.com
(517) 223-5136

CENTURY EXTRUSION AWARDED TWIN SCREW LINES FOR NEW ASAHI KASEI COMPOUNDING SITE IN ALABAMA

TRAVERSE CITY, MICH. – Century Extrusion, a global leader in twin screw extruder technology and support services, was awarded the contract to provide two twin screw machines for Asahi Kasei’s new compounding plant in Athens, Alabama.

Asahi Kasei, based in Japan, saw an opportunity for expansion in their compounding operations, which aligned with the growth of their engineered plastics business. With the second plant in North America, Asahi Kasei will be able to increase their supply to meet customer demand in the southern United States.

In its most recent expansion of the facility in Fowlerville, Michigan in 2013, Century Extrusion provided the twin screw extrusion line. Based on this experience, Century Extrusion was awarded the compounding extruders for the Athens expansion project.

“While we have extensive experience with several extruder manufacturers around the world, we have been very pleased with the level of support we have received from Century,” said Asahi Kasei North America president, John Moyer. “Based on their performance, balanced with overall economics, and their ability to deliver the quality and output needed to meet demanding automotive industry requirements, we felt they were a top competitor for our new plant in Alabama.”

“We are proud to be chosen as a key growth partner to Asahi Kasei. We have worked very hard to build our capabilities to the level required to support them and other global leaders in the compounding industry,” said Century Extrusion president, Bob Urtel. “Our top priority is delivering the industry’s highest level of quality and overall value.”

###

About CPM Century Extrusion

Century Extrusion along with its subsidiary Ruiya Extrusion in Nanjing China form the CPM Extrusion Group. Century Extrusion, headquartered in Traverse City, Mich., is a leading global leader in the supply of twin screw compounding systems, twin screw extruders, replacement parts, and support services for many industries, including plastics, masterbatch, powder coatings, adhesives, human food, pet food, and many others. Century Extrusion offers the industry’s most comprehensive selection of products and services for clients and industries focused on twin screw processing. For more information, please visit <http://www.centuryextrusion.com> or by calling (231) 947-6400.

About Asahi Kasei Corporation

Asahi Kasei Plastics is a leading international custom compounder of advanced engineered polymers and is the largest short-glass reinforced polypropylene manufacturer in North America. With a diverse and fully customizable product portfolio, and manufacturing facilities located across the globe, Asahi Kasei Plastics is providing unique engineering solutions for the global market. The company’s product lines include THERMYLENE® (polypropylene), LEONA™ (nylon 66, 66+6i), THERMYLON® (nylon 6, 66), TENAC™ (acetal) and XYRON™ (modified polyphenylene ether – mPPE), STYLAC™ (acrylonitrile butadiene styrene – ABS).