



Natural Polymers, LLC Earns USDA Certified Biobased Product Label

Ultra-Low Global Warming Blowing Agent Supplied by Honeywell

West Chicago, IL. (March 02, 2018) — Natural Polymers, LLC announced today that it has earned the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Certified Biobased Product label. The product, Natural-Therm® 2250, is now able to display a unique USDA label that highlights its percentage of biobased content.

Third-party verification for a product's biobased content is administered through the USDA BioPreferred Program, an initiative created by the 2002 Farm Bill (and most recently expanded by the 2014 Farm Bill). One of the goals of the BioPreferred Program is to increase the development, purchase and use of biobased products.

The USDA Certified Biobased Product label displays a product's biobased content, which is the portion of a product that comes from a renewable source, such as plant, animal, marine, or forestry feedstocks. Utilizing renewable, biobased materials displaces the need for non-renewable petroleum-based chemicals. Biobased products, through petroleum displacement, have played an increasingly important role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions that exacerbate global climate change.

Biobased products are cost-comparative, readily available, and perform as well as or better than their conventional counterparts.

"We are pleased that Honeywell's Solstice Liquid Blowing Agent was able to help Natural Polymers earn this USDA certification," said Laura Reinhard, vice president and general manager, Foam and Industrial Products, Honeywell. "Our ultra-low global warming potential blowing agent, with its many other beneficial environmental and safety characteristics, made it a clear choice for this application."

"We applaud Natural Polymers, LLC for earning the USDA Certified Biobased Product label," said Kate Lewis, USDA BioPreferred Program. "Products from Natural Polymers, LLC are contributing to an ever expanding marketplace that adds value to renewable agriculture commodities, creates jobs in rural communities, and decreases our reliance on petroleum."

According to a report that USDA released in 2015, biobased products contributed \$369 billion to the U.S. economy in 2013 and support, directly and indirectly, 4 million jobs. The same report found that biobased products also displace approximately 300 million gallons of petroleum per year in the U.S., which is the equivalent of taking 200,000 cars off the road. The increased production of renewable chemicals and biobased products contributes to the development and expansion of the U.S. bioeconomy - where society looks to agriculture for sustainable sources of fuel, energy, chemicals, and materials.

About Natural Polymers:

Natural Polymers, LLC is an innovative polyurethane systems house located in the Midwest. We are dedicated to the development of high-quality Urethane Systems with low VOC signatures and an environmentally friendly raw material base. Our petroleum- and natural-based products are third-party tested, meeting and often times exceeding industry standards.