

Engen Chemicals secures X-PURGE exclusivity

Engen and PTT, the National Oil Company of Thailand, recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for Engen's exclusive rights to a product called X-PURGE.

At the signing ceremony in Cape Town, Engen was awarded the sole distribution rights for X-PURGE in South Africa.

Dr Emma Mokoena, Engen Manager: Chemicals & Special Products says the company is excited about bringing the new product to its customers. "As the leading producer and marketer of a wide range of fuels, lubricants and oil-based products in South Africa, we are very proud to add X-PURGE to our portfolio. In addition to our polymer resin, X-PURGE is now added to our portfolio."

X-PURGE is an FDA approved purging material formulated specifically to clean all primary plastic machines when changing colour, resin or simply removing black spots or contaminants. "In a nutshell it saves time by helping to reduce machine downtime and maximize productivity," adds Mokoena. X-PURGE has been designed for cleaning various types of plastic machines, including: injection moulding, blow moulding, sheet casting, and profile extrusion machines, as well as single screw and twin extruders. Some of the benefits of X-PURGE include:

- Reducing waste during material or colour changing process;
- Minimising defects in finished products;
- Reducing machine downtime;
- Protecting machines from rust and dust during shutdown periods; and
- Preventing burnt polymer during the start-up period.

"This is the first offering of this type of product by Engen. Other traditional methods of purging and similar products are costly in terms of time, the amount of defects and downtime period," says Mokoena.

"It is evident from the many benefits listed that this new product will be of significant value to our custom