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Manufacturer Sekisui Reaches KY EXCEL Highest Level

Winchester Manufacturer Has Rich History of Environmental Stewardship

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 15, 2017) - Sekisui S-Lec America, LLC, a leading manufacturer of S-LEC PVB film, has upgraded its Winchester, Ky., facility membership in the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection's (DEP) environmental leadership program, KY EXCEL, to a Master member – the program's highest level.

"We are pleased to have Sekisui S-Lec America as a KY EXCEL Master member and to have them as partners in environmental leadership as they expand their efforts to preserve and protect the environment," said Paulette Akers, director of the Division of Compliance Assistance. "We congratulate Sekisui S-Lec America for taking its membership to the highest level."

Sekisui S-Lec America LLC is part of the parent company Sekisui Chemical Group located in Osaka, Japan. Sekisui S-Lec America produces an interlayer film used for laminated glass most commonly used in automobile windscreens. Among its main functions other than security and safety are solar heat reduction, sound reduction and the capability to produce Head Up Displays. Each facility in the Sekisui family shares the goal to have the least amount of impact on the environment as possible while also benefiting the communities in which they operate.

“Being stewards in environmental sustainability is a worldwide effort for our facilities,” said Randy Hardwick, Assistant Director of Corporate Social Responsibility. “KYEXCEL offers unique opportunities for us to work together with other members to improve Kentucky’s environment while highlighting efforts of success here at our facility.”

Sekisui S-Lec America has implemented several projects during its time as an KYEXCEL member. Projects have focused on waste reduction efforts with associates. Community projects have included “Adopt-A-Roadway” and “Kentucky River Sweep,” events where company associates participate as active volunteers.

KY EXCEL recognizes public, corporate and private sector organizations that act to improve Kentucky’s diverse and unique environment through environmental leadership. Launched by the DEP in 2006, KY EXCEL is a voluntary program open to any individual, organization, community or business to improve and protect Kentucky’s environment beyond the state’s environmental requirements. To learn more, visit <http://www.dca.ky.gov/kyexcel/> or call the Division of Compliance Assistance toll-free at 800-926-8111.

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