A. Schulman Agrees to Purchase Mash Compostos Plasticos

Acquisition Will Expand A. Schulman's Presence in the Growing Brazil Market

"Brazil is a highly attractive market for A. Schulman and is very important to our growth strategy," said Joseph M. Gingo, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of A. Schulman. "It is a large, diversified market with strong macroeconomic fundamentals. The Brazilian plastics industry holds significant growth potential because per-capita consumption of plastic is still much lower than in other countries. With this acquisition, and with our April 30, 2010 acquisition of ICO, Inc., which included two facilities in Brazil, we are aggressively expanding our presence in the market and enhancing our ability to serve customers."

Joseph M. Gingo, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of A. Schulman

OVERVIEW

On October 18, 2010, A. Schulman, Inc. (Nasdaq-GS: SHLM) announced it agreed to purchase Mash Compostos Plasticos ("Mash"), a masterbatch additive producer and engineered plastics compounder, based in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The transaction reflects A. Schulman's focus on expanding its global footprint in high-growth regions of the world.

Mash is the right strategic fit for A. Schulman as it brings:

- State-of-the-art technology for the production of specialized additives and plastic materials
- A market approach aligned with A. Schulman's core competencies, particularly in biaxially oriented polypropylene (BOPP) and other film applications
- Geographic expansion which will allow A. Schulman to enhance its relationships with current customers in Brazil and other South American countries
- The opportunity for A. Schulman to enhance the Company's competitive position, leading with technology
- A strong management team oriented to provide technological solutions and service for sophisticated customers and applications

ABOUT MASH

Mash Compostos Plasticos, based in Sao Paulo, Brazil, produces technical and color compounds and masterbatches in a variety of resins. The company was certified by ISO 9001:2000 and began operations in 2004, and its technologically advanced plant in Sao Paulo was re-certified in 2009 to ISO 9001:2008. Product and service categories include MasterMASH additive concentrates, fillers and glass fibers; MASHBlend blends of resins or resins with additives; MASHColor color concentrates; MASHComp base resins compounded with additives, fillers and glass; and MASHPlus tolling services. Additional information about Mash can be found at www.mashplasticos.com.br.

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- competitive factors, including intense price competition;
- fluctuations in the value of currencies in major areas where the Company operates;
- volatility of prices and availability of the supply of energy and raw materials that are critical to the manufacture of the Company's products, particularly plastic resins derived from oil and natural gas;
- changes in customer demand and requirements;
- effectiveness of the Company to achieve the level of cost savings, productivity improvements, growth and other benefits anticipated from acquisitions and restructuring initiatives;
- escalation in the cost of providing employee health care;
- uncertainties regarding the resolution of pending and future litigation and other claims;
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