



Minerals Technologies Inc. Announces Two New Optibloc® Additives for Film and Bag Applications

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NEW YORK, January 4-Minerals Technologies Inc. (**NYSE: MTX**), a worldwide manufacturer of minerals products, has launched two new antiblock products for use in plastic film and bag applications.

Specialty Minerals Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Minerals Technologies and a leader in mineral additives, has launched Optibloc® 8 and Optibloc® 325 talc blends, new antiblocking products for high-clarity film and bag applications. Antiblocks are used to prevent the adhesion of two adjacent layers of film, a problem most associated with polyethylene and polypropylene films.

These new products are designed for high-clarity polyethylene film applications such as food packaging and clear bags. OPTIBLOC® 8 and OPTIBLOC® 325 talc blends have excellent antiblocking efficiency and provide high-clarity with low-haze films. OPTIBLOC® 8 antiblock is the next generation of Minerals Technologies' patented OPTIBLOC® antiblock product line, which is utilized globally in polyethylene films.

Minerals Technologies Inc. is a global resource- and technology-based growth company that develops, produces and markets worldwide a broad range of specialty mineral, mineral-based and synthetic mineral products and related systems and services. The company recorded sales of \$1.0 billion in 2010.

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