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AZL Aachen GmbH

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As AZL Premium Partner, DuPont Performance Materials (DPM) is co-locating research activities at the RWTH Aachen University

DuPont Performance Materials (DPM) has announced that it will extend its existing partnership with the Aachen Centre for Integrative Lightweight Production (AZL) to a “Premium Partnership” and for the first time ever co-locate its research activities on the RWTH Aachen University campus.

The decision to co-locate at AZL is part of DuPont’s ongoing commitment to collaborative research with academic institutions and industry partners with a view to matching market needs with commercially viable innovation. As the pioneer of polymer science with a legacy in innovation, DuPont uses science to create breakthrough solutions to address major societal challenges such as lightweighting.

DuPont is a founding partner of AZL which was founded in addition to the existing lightweight institutes at RWTH Aachen University to meet the increasing demand for mass production of lightweight, highly stable, chemically resistant components mainly transportation-related applications. With co-locating on the RWTH Aachen University, DuPont Performance Materials aims at better access to the work of AZL research partners such as the world renowned Plastics Processing Institute (IKV). The co-location will also foster further collaboration and ideas generation with other companies based on site.

“We are extremely excited that our excellent long-term partnership with DuPont is taking a step up to a new level. We believe that the proximity will be a rich source of inspiration for all parties involved and that DuPont can take better advantage of AZL and IKV’s research excellence and its scientific and industrial network to grow its business,” says University Professor Dr.-Ing. Christian Hopmann, Head of the Institute of Plastics Processing (IKV) and Founding Professor of the AZL.

As a service included in its Premium Partnership, the AZL offers companies office space in close proximity to the AZL institutes. This AZL co-location service is additionally to the regular AZL Partnership services such as the cooperation and exchange with partner institutes and companies along the complete lightweight value chain within workshops and workgroups or individual consultancy in public funding options as well as support in Marketing and HR.

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“Co-locating our activities in Aachen is a first ever in Europe for DPM and represents a paradigm shift in how we do research and new business development,” added Ernst Poppe, Business Development Manager DuPont Performance Materials.



Picture: AZL and DuPont met last Friday, February 26th, 2016 for a kick-off of their Premium Partnership and for the opening of the co-location at RWTH Campus. From left to right: Ernst Poppe (Business Development Manager, DuPont), Dr. Kai Fischer (Managing Director AZL Aachen GmbH, Director Production Technology AZL of RWTH, Scientific Director IKV), Dr. Portia Yarborough (Business Manager Thermoplastic Composites, DuPont), Prof. Christian Hopmann (Founding Professor AZL of RWTH, Head of IKV); Dr. Michael Emonts (Managing Director AZL Aachen GmbH, CEO AZL of RWTH, Chief Engineer Fraunhofer IPT).

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About AZL

The worldwide unique lightweight competence network Aachen Center for Integrative Lightweight Production (AZL) of RWTH Aachen demonstrates significant lightweight expertise in research and development. The objective of the AZL is the transformation of lightweight design in mass production. With its partner institutes active in various fields of lightweight production technology (totally over 750 scientists and 1,100 graduate assistants) on the RWTH Aachen Campus, AZL regroups all the required know-how to help the composites industry develop tomorrow's lightweight production technology. As a service provider partnering with companies in the field of lightweight production technology, AZL Aachen GmbH offers industrial services in engineering, consultancy and project management, networking and human resources marketing, among others. The AZL Partner Network consists of about 60 industrial partners representing the entire lightweight production value chain from the raw material producer, over molders, manufacturing equipment suppliers, Tier 1 and Tier 2 to OEMs, from SMEs to large multinational corporations, from Germany to Mexico, China or Japan.

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About DuPont Performance Materials (DPM)

DuPont Performance Materials (DPM) is a leading innovator of thermoplastics, elastomers, renewably-sourced polymers, high-performance parts and shapes, as well as resins that act as adhesives, sealants, and modifiers. DPM supports a globally linked network of regional application development experts who work with customers throughout the value chain to develop innovative solutions in automotive, packaging, construction, consumer goods, electrical/electronics and other industries. For additional information about DuPont Performance Materials, visit plastics.dupont.com.

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