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**AMERICHEM EUROPE REDESIGNS MANUFACTURING PLANT
TO BENEFIT AUTOMOTIVE CUSTOMERS**

MANCHESTER, UNITED KINGDOM (May 26, 2016) – Americhem Europe Ltd., a global provider of colour and additive solutions for polymeric products, is in the midst of renovating and redesigning the workflow for its manufacturing plant in Manchester, United Kingdom. This work represents an investment in the company’s customers and the industry, and the renovations are designed to give the plant a lean, first-class workflow that increases productivity and product quality.

“The work at our plant is a result of a desire to serve our customers and to position ourselves for growth in the Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) region,” stated Thomas Weigl, vice president and managing director, EMEA. “These renovations will allow us to better control efficiency from product concept through manufacturing to end product quality control. We want customers to visit in the fall to see the difference for themselves.”

The work is scheduled to be completed in September 2016. It is part of Americhem’s continuous improvement philosophy, which extends to improvements in inventory management and strategy. The renovation and expansion will result in almost a 100 percent increase in manufacturing capacity, and there will be room for future expansion. An additional manufacturing line will be added and the remainder of the company’s production equipment will be completely rebuilt, ensuring the highest quality products for Americhem’s customers.

“Automotive is one of Americhem’s core markets and we wanted to respond to the need for superior manufacturing capacity for original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) and tier suppliers,” continued Weigl. “As part of the global Americhem network that works with OEMs to achieve global in-vehicle colour harmony, we help assure that colours will be consistent no matter where in the world that automobiles are manufactured.”

Additionally, the Manchester plant’s laboratories are being expanded and fitted with a new lab-scale polymeric film line. Other manufacturing pilot lines in the lab include injection molding, extrusion, blow molding and fibre spinning.

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"We're excited about all the possibilities that these enhancements represent," said Dr. Craig MacDougall, director of operations, EMEA. "We're confident that this will better enable our company to provide outstanding products and services to our automotive customers, as well as customers in other industries."

Americhem's automotive business has recently been bolstered by the acquisition of Vi-Chem Corporation. Vi-Chem, which is dedicated almost entirely to the automotive industry, is a specialty compounder of PVC and thermoplastic elastomers (TPEs), many of which become soft-touch components on the interior and exterior of vehicles. The acquisition was completed 18 March, 2016.

Americhem will exhibit at the Automotive Interiors Expo, being held 31 May— 2 June at the Messe Stuttgart in Stuttgart, Germany. Americhem's technical and commercial team will be at Hall 3, Stand A5132 and will answer questions, discuss product developments and the renovations at the Manchester plant.

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