



European Pallet Association e.V. (EPAL)

PRESS RELEASE

EPAL CP pallets: Trials at leading global polymer manufacturer, Covestro

Materials manufacturer, Covestro Deutschland AG starts first trial with 5,000 quality-tested EPAL CP pallets at European locations

Düsseldorf, 8th June 2018 – The first large chemicals company, Covestro, is planning to deploy the new independently tested EPAL CP pallets as their load carriers. Before starting to use them, the newly licensed EPAL CP pallets will be tested in a trial at Covestro's European locations. The publicly listed company has several sites in Europe, for example in Leverkusen, Dormagen, Krefeld-Uerdingen in North Rhine Westphalia, as well as Brunsbüttel in North Germany and Antwerp in Belgium. The head office is in the CHEMPARK in Leverkusen, where alongside Bayer and Lanxess, more than fifty companies are located.

Martin Leibrandt, CEO of EPAL, "We are pleased that Covestro, an important player in the chemicals industry, wants to back EPAL CP pallets and is starting a first test run."

The largest quality assurance association worldwide, the European Pallet Association e.V. (EPAL), announced in November last year that it would include CP pallets 1 to 9 in its portfolio from 2018. This expanded EPAL's existing and highly successful load carrier portfolio with nine more quality-assured wooden load carriers in order to play a supporting role in the chemicals industry and elsewhere. Since 1st January 2018 EPAL CP pallets are produced in accordance with EPAL Technical Regulations and are treated in compliance with ISPM 15 standard, so that they are suitable for the international movement of goods.

About Covestro:

With a turnover of 14.1 billion euros in 2017, Covestro is one of the biggest polymer companies in the world. Business activities focus on the manufacture of high-tech polymer materials and the development of innovative solutions for products which are used in many areas of everyday life. The main customer industries are the automotive industry, construction sector, wood-processing and furniture industry as well as the electrics and electronics sector. Others include the fields of sports and leisure, cosmetics, health as well as the chemicals industry itself. Covestro manufactures at 30 locations worldwide and had around 16,200 employees (FTE) at the end of 2017.

For more information, please visit: www.covestro.com.

About EPAL:

The European Pallet Association e.V. (EPAL) ensures a smooth flow of goods in the logistics world with over 500 million EPAL Euro pallets and 20 million box pallets in the world's biggest open exchange pool. Founded in 1991 as the umbrella association of licensed producers and repairers of EPAL load carriers, EPAL is globally responsible for their consistent quality. EPAL pallets are produced from sustainably grown, CO2-neutral wood,



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can be repaired and recycled, and reduce transport distances thanks to their high level of availability. As a registered association, EPAL does not pursue any commercial interests and makes all its decisions in the interests of its industry, retail and logistics partners. EPAL is represented in over thirty countries by fourteen National Committees which have committed themselves to implementing the EPAL objectives.

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