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Grupa Azoty's bio-based plastics certified for significantly reduced carbon footprint

The Grupa Azoty Group has successfully passed a certification audit of the International Sustainability & Carbon Certification Plus (ISCC+) system. Having implemented the system, the Group will be able to deliver to its customers certified plastics with a significantly lower carbon footprint, produced from bio-based feedstocks such as biophenol, biocyclohexanone and biocaprolactam.

Successful completion of the certification process marks a major step towards integrating bio-based raw materials into the Group's plastics production. It is also another stepping-stone towards delivery of the Group's new strategy until 2030 with its goal of developing a green product portfolio.

Having undergone the certification process, the Group will be able to offer its customers ecofriendly ('green') products, fully derived from renewable materials. This will apply to various types of natural polyamide, as well as surface modified polyamide.

"We have passed the certification process, which lasted several months during which the Group's technologies and operational routines were confirmed as compatible with ISCC Plus procedures. This means that we are already responding to the requirements of our customers looking for products derived from bio-based feedstocks. Our experience shows that such requirements are voiced mainly by customers from the automotive industry, but the technology is gaining traction. We expect to introduce the first certified bio-based plastics into our product portfolio by the end of this year," **says Tomasz Hinc, President of the Management Board of Grupa Azoty S.A.**

The ISCC Plus certification has been adopted in the chemical sector, primarily for plastics. The system covers the market of sustainable feedstocks, including biomass and recycled materials. Its operator is ISCC System GmbH, a representative of one of the leading certification systems incorporating criteria for reduced greenhouse gas emissions and sustainable bioenergy.

ISCC Plus provides a solid foundation for voluntary adoption of sustainability criteria with respect to supply chains, confirming their full traceability. It guarantees active commitment to raising sustainability standards, supporting the transition to a circular economy.