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CertainTeed CedarBoards siding raises the bar for recycled content

CertainTeed, headquartered in Valley Forge, PA, introduced its new CedarBoards Double 6-inch clapboard insulated vinyl siding with 60% recycled material—the highest recycled content of any vinyl siding product currently on the market, according to the company. This is being made possible by several partnerships forged by CertainTeed to develop a network of recyclers and a workable formula that meets the company's stringent quality guidelines.

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Your rating: None

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- "Green" issues like cutting energy costs
- Reducing material consumption, including reusing scrap
- Both about equally
- Not pursuing either

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Clariant sells silicone business as it works to generate cash, restructure

Clariant has sold its specialty silicones business, including its Gainesville, FL facility, to SiVance LLC, an affiliate of New York-based GenNx360 Capital Partners, which targets business-to-business industrial companies. Terms were not disclosed, but the move generates cash for the Muttentz, Switzerland-headquartered company at a time when a drop in sales—they were off 21% in the second quarter according to the earnings statement—has impacted cash flow.

Your rating: None Average: 3.8 (5 votes)

Elastomer combines ultra-soft touch with robust physical properties

A new "ultra-soft" elastomer reportedly offers the healthcare and pharmaceutical industries a feel similar to a firm gel but with greater physical properties, providing a product ideal for potting, encapsulating, or molding devices. **MED-4286** from **NuSil Technology LLC** (Carpinteria, CA) is a pliable silicone elastomer designed for applications requiring low "000" durometer, as well as low modulus and high elongation.

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Used equipment, new life

Every plastics processor knows there is a lot of used auxiliary equipment sitting around out there, much of it still in good condition. Many processors are looking for ways to save money and reduce their investment in capital equipment, yet some still need to expand production, add lines, or install material handling systems.

Your rating: None Average: 4.7 (6 votes)

Water footprint analysis: another sustainability measure enters the fray

Officials at plastics supplier **Borealis** (Vienna, Austria) report they have completed the plastics industry's first assessment of the "Water Footprint" of plastics and presented those findings recently at the 2009 World Water Week in Stockholm, Sweden, held August 16-22.

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