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***SPE® DETROIT, CHINA TEAM UP TO HOLD 1ST-ANNUAL
SHANGHAI TPO CONFERENCE***

TROY, (DETROIT) MICH. – The SPE® Detroit Section (headquartered here) and SPE China Section (headquartered in Beijing) will hold the first-ever ***SPE® Shanghai TPO Conference, March 22-24, 2016*** at the Shanghai Marriott City Centre hotel in Shanghai, China. The new event builds on 18 years of success for the Detroit-area SPE TPO Automotive Engineered Polyolefins (Auto TPO) conference (also organized by the SPE Detroit Section) and has been designed to encourage professional development and networking opportunities on the topic of automotive plastics in regions with a rapidly growing thermoplastic polyolefin (TPO), as well as thermoplastic elastomer (TPE), and thermoplastic vulcanizate (TPV) presence, as is the case in Shanghai.

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According to Dr. Sassan Tarahomi, manager-Advanced Engineering, International Automotive Components (IAC) Group and 2016 Shanghai TPO conference chair, "This new conference will draw leaders in the fields of automotive TPOs, TPEs, and TPVs to share their knowledge and experience in using these versatile materials via technical presentations, keynote speeches, exhibits, and numerous networking opportunities. Content presented throughout the three-day event will focus on advances in materials, processing, and finishing technologies and their practical application to the design, engineering, and manufacture of passenger vehicles in China and elsewhere in the world."

Show organizers have issued a call for papers (send abstracts as soon as possible to Sassan@ShanghaiTPO.com; non-commercial papers or presentations are due for peer review by February 17 to the same address), and are still accepting reservations for sponsorship and exhibit opportunities (contact Karen@ShanghaiTPO.com).

About the Auto TPO & Shanghai TPO Conferences

Since 1998, the ***SPE TPO Automotive Engineered Polyolefins Conference*** has highlighted the importance of rigid and flexible polyolefins throughout the automobile – in applications ranging from semi-structural composite underbody shields and front-end modules to soft-touch interior skins and bumper fascia. Engineered polyolefins have been the fastest-growing segment of the global plastics industry for more than a decade owing to their excellent cost / performance ratio. The Detroit-area show typically draws over 700 attendees from 20 countries on four continents who are interested in learning about the latest in rigid and elastomeric TPO as well as TPE and TPV technologies. Approximately 300 attendees are expected at the new ***SPE Shanghai TPO Conference*** in Shanghai, China. A variety of sponsorship packages are available for companies interested in showcasing their products and / or services at either event. The Shanghai show is being organized by volunteers from the ***Detroit Section*** and ***China Section*** of the ***Society of Plastics Engineers*** (SPE). For more information about the ***SPE Shanghai TPO Conference***, see <http://auto-tpo.com/> or <http://speautomotive.com/tpo.htm>.

The mission of SPE International is to promote scientific and engineering knowledge relating to plastics worldwide and to educate industry, academia, and the public about these advances. SPE's Detroit Section is active in educating, promoting, recognizing, and communicating technical accomplishments for all phases of plastics and plastic based-composite developments – particularly in the automotive industry. Topic areas include applications, materials, processing, equipment, tooling, design, and development. For more information on the Society of Plastics Engineers, see www.4spe.org.

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