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ARKEMA RECOGNIZES STUDENTS AND CUSTOMERS WITH ITS FIRST CASTOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

As a global leader in advanced bio-circular materials made from renewable castor beans, Arkema recently awarded its first castor scholarships to recognize select global customers with a strong commitment to sustainability as well as high school students from the castor rich region of Gujarat, India.

As a first step, Arkema employees, and their partners from Ihsedu, a leading castor bean processor visited high schools in the Palanpur district of Gujarat in Western India, where a large part of the world's castor crop is farmed. During the classroom visits, educational presentations were made to the students about sustainability, climate change impact reduction, and the vital role played by renewable crops like castor in the production of advanced bio-circular materials. Then, the students were supplied with a variety of writing and art supplies and were encouraged to demonstrate their creative abilities in line with the theme of "a more sustainable future". **Several hundred students participated** in the competition, with oversight from their parents, guardians, and high school principals. **Four winning students were selected for their outstanding work.**

As a second step, Arkema selected four customers who have demonstrated a strong commitment to sustainability through the use of innovative bio-circular materials. **Arkema will award the four winning students with a scholarship in the name of these customers.** The student scholarship includes a monetary award for the purchase of school supplies to the high school of the winning student, and a personal computer for the winning student.

The four winning customers are as follows. Each will be invited to participate remotely in an award ceremony scheduled for February 24, 2022.

EOS, a leading supplier for responsible manufacturing solutions via industrial 3D printing technology, is awarded the "Aalok Award" (Hindi for Enlightenment). EOS has been an outstanding partner in the development of a carbon-neutral polyamide 11 solution for additive manufacturing.

SCARPA, a family owned specialist in winter sportswear is awarded the "Varsha Award" (Hindi for Water). SCARPA has embraced advanced bio-circular materials as a key element of its Green Manifesto as well as a true commitment to innovation in high performance ski boots.

MARCHON, an innovator in sustainable eyewear is awarded the "Prithvi Award" (Hindi for Earth). MARCHON has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to environmental awareness and the use of renewable high performance polyamide solutions in high-end eyewear.

CRANE, a global provider of specialized engineering-solutions and equipment is awarded the "Divela Award" (Hindi for Castor). Crane has been a historical partner in the development of highly corrosion-resistant bio-based powder coatings for their **Viking Johnson** branded products that serve the potable water industry.

"This is a unique opportunity for us to celebrate sustainable development with our customers while also helping the younger generation of students to understand the vital role their community plays," said Erwoan

Pezron, Executive Vice President of Arkema’s High Performance Polymers Business. “We’d like to thank the castor farming community for inviting us into their schools and for demonstrating their passion for the environment with enthusiasm and outstanding creativity, and to congratulate the students for their artistic and academic dedication. We also want to thank our partner customers for their commitment to advanced bio-circular materials and their ability to innovate and drive positive change.”

Arkema’s Advanced Bio-Circular polymers include the Rilsan®, Rilsan® Fine Powders and Pebax® Rnew® brands.

Building on its unique set of expertise in materials science, **Arkema** offers a portfolio of first-class technologies to address ever-growing demand for new and sustainable materials. With the ambition to become in 2024 a pure player in Specialty Materials, the Group is structured into 3 complementary, resilient and highly innovative segments dedicated to Specialty Materials -Adhesive solutions, Advanced Materials, and Coating Solutions- accounting for some 82% of Group sales in 2020, and a well-positioned and competitive Intermediates segment. Arkema offers cutting-edge technological solutions to meet the challenges of, among other things, new energies, access to water, recycling, urbanization and mobility, and fosters a permanent dialogue with all its stakeholders. The Group reported sales of around €8 billion in 2020, and operates in some 55 countries with 20,600 employees worldwide.

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