Axalta’s Mount Clemens Facility Earns First Supplier Sustainability Award from Honda

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CLINTON TOWNSHIP, Mich.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Axalta Coating Systems (NYSE: AXTA), a leading global supplier of liquid and powder coatings, was one of 55 suppliers recently honored by Honda North America for achievements in providing sustainable parts and materials. At the 33rd annual Honda Supplier Conference in Birmingham, Alabama, Honda recognized Axalta for the “exceptional commitment to social responsibility” demonstrated at the company’s Mount Clemens, Michigan, manufacturing and R&D facility. The award evaluates programs devoted to sustaining the environment, health and safety, human rights, and compliance and ethics, among other criteria. The award was previously known as the Honda Corporate Citizenship Award.

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From left to right: Axalta's Patrick Altman and Jon Passmore; Rick Schostek, Executive Vice President, Honda North America, Inc.; and Axalta's Michael Magdich and Virginia Gronley during the Supplier Sustainability Award presentation at the 33rd annual Honda Supplier Conference in Birmingham, Alabama. (Photo: Axalta)

“At Axalta, we are committed to being socially responsible in the communities where we live and work while making superior products for our customers,” said Steve Markevich, Axalta Executive Vice President and President – Transportation Coatings and Greater China. “We are proud to accept this recognition from Honda as we work together to promote sustainable operations. Being a good neighbor and an engaged business partner are fundamental to Axalta's growth and success.”

“The pursuit of quality is driving activity across our supply chain, and like our Honda associates we depend on suppliers to have the same level of passion to please the customer,” said Tom Lake, Vice President for North American Purchasing at Honda North America, Inc. "Honda looks forward to working with our suppliers to strategically meet the needs of our customers."
Axalta was recognized for the company's introduction of waste reduction initiatives that resulted in processing nearly one million pounds of solid waste using waste-to-energy technology, which avoids landfill disposal and generates income from the recyclable materials.

During the conference, Honda emphasized the importance of quality and innovation as the key to navigating the future of changing customer demand which aligns with Axalta's commitment to understanding customers’ emerging needs in order to provide them with innovative and sustainable coating solutions.

More information on Axalta's sustainability efforts is available at www.axaltacs.com/axaltasustainability.

About Honda

Honda established operations in America in 1959 and now employs more than 40,000 associates in its North American sales, R&D and manufacturing operations with total capital investment in North America exceeding $22 billion. Honda companies in the United States represent a cumulative investment of more than $17 billion and employ more than 30,000 associates in the design, development, manufacture, marketing, financing and servicing of Honda and Acura automobiles, Honda powersports products and Honda power equipment products.

Honda has been producing products in America for more than 37 years using domestic and globally sourced parts and currently operates 12 major manufacturing facilities in the U.S., including five auto plants. Honda also operates 14 major research and development centers in the U.S. with the capacity to fully design, develop and engineer many of the products Honda produces in North America. In 2016, more than 68 percent of all Honda and Acura automobiles sold in the U.S. were made in America, more than any other major automaker except one.

About Axalta Coating Systems

Axalta is a leading global company focused solely on coatings and providing customers with innovative, colorful, beautiful and sustainable solutions. From light OEM vehicles, commercial vehicles and refinish applications to electric motors, buildings and pipelines, our coatings are designed to prevent corrosion, increase productivity and enable the materials we coat to last longer. With more than 150 years of experience in the coatings industry, over 13,000 people of Axalta continue to find ways to serve our more than 100,000 customers in 130 countries better every day with the finest coatings, application systems and technology. For more information visit axalta.com and follow us @Axalta on Twitter and on LinkedIn.


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