

PolyOne expands in South America

PolyOne GLS Thermoplastic Elastomers has installed TPE production capabilities in South America. Located at the company's facility in Diadema, São Paulo, these new capabilities significantly reduce the amount of lead time required to serve South American customers and Brazil's growing economy. Further, they will enhance the Company's ability to support global OEMs by enabling local product trialing, development and production. Target growth markets include transportation, healthcare, consumer goods and packaging.

PolyOne says that the new manufacturing capability represents the company's continuing commitment to Brazil and the greater South American market, which began with the 2011 acquisition of **Uniplen Indústria de Polímeros Ltda. (Uniplen)**, a Brazilian producer of specialty engineered materials and distributor of thermoplastics.

"As one of the first global TPE suppliers to offer specialty TPE solutions and technical support locally within Brazil, PolyOne is dedicated to helping its customers in the region penetrate new markets, become more competitive, improve their speed to commercialization and successfully grow their businesses," said Walter Ripple, general manager, PolyOne GLS Thermoplastic Elastomers. "Our new local capabilities enable us to increase responsiveness, flexibility and TPE customization options. Customers can expect the same high standards for quality, consistency and performance for which our materials are known globally."

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