

SALES PRESENTATION ENGINEERS AND PUBLIC WORKS


## ABOUT US PAGE

## Vision:

We envision a world where plastic is repurposed and no longer polluting our environment.

## Mission:

We repurpose waste plastic and use it to improve the quality and cost of asphalt.

## Core Values:

COMMUNITY AND COOPERATION: Our staff and partners have immeasurable value, and we strive to achieve win-win scenarios in the best interest of all parties.

RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, AND TRUST: Our integrity is not to be compromised, our word is our bond and bonds are our livelihood.

INGENUITY AND FORESIGHT: Our success lies in a solutions-based approach that keeps an eye on the bigger picture.

LEARNING AND LISTENING: Our collective minds remain in a constant state of readiness to grow, change, and excel at all levels.

## DRIVEN PLASTICS TEAM



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## 2022 R\&D 100 WINNER AND EDISON AWARDS GOLD WINNER



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ELVALOY ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ RET MF 1177 Polymeric Post-Consumer Recycle Asphalt Paving Compatibilizer






ELVALOYTM RET MF 1177 Polymeric Post-Consumer Recycle Asphalt Paving Compatibilizer - Research \& Development World (rdworldonline.com)

Driven jointly awarded with
The Dow Chemical Company

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## EDISON AND R\&D 100 WINNER

- Established in 1987
- Guided by the legacy and vision of Thomas Edison and his Menlo Park team
- ELVALOY ${ }^{\mathrm{TM}}$ RET by The Dow Chemical Company

- Established in 1963
- The R\&D 100 Awards program identifies the top100 revolutionary technologies
- Elvaloy RET is a multi-functional elastomer


## Driven by a passion for saving the planet

Guided by engineering and chemistry to make it

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21 installations in the US
>83 Tons or $\sim 12.6 \mathrm{M}$ single-use grocery bag eq.

## 2023 MISSOURI DOT / MIZZOU I-155 PROJECT



High Performance and Economy Mix evalutated Hi-Tech Feeder System


## OUR PROCESS

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Solution for LOCAL waste plastic problems

LOCAL waste plastic in LOCAL roads while meeting traditional pavement engineering standards

Creation of LOCAL Jobs

Solved historical recycled plastic issues of liquid separation, and contamination

Blend and sell a finished ingredient to hot-mix asphalt producers for improvement in rutting and cracking

## FWT: ASPHALT ADDITIVE DESIGNED FOR WET PROCESSING



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## HYB: HYBRID PRODUCT FOR WET AND DRY PROCESSING



Up to 10 tons of plastic per lane mile


## POST COMMERCIAL WASTE STREAM

- Consistent chemistry of the Plastic Polyethylene (PE)
- PE has favorable characteristics for use in asphalt (melting point)
- Low contamination levels
- Predictable supply source, byproduct of a manufacturing or commercial process



## CONSTRUCTION WITH RECYCLED POLYETHYLENE (RPE)

- No change in equipment or procedures
- Easier hand work than other Polymer Modified Asphalts
- Easier clean up than other Polymer Modified Asphalts
- No offensive smell


## IMPROVED PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

- More tolerant to extreme heat and heavy loads*
- Reduces rutting*
- Reduces material cost**
- Expected 5\% reduction in cost of maintenance over life of road
- Extends service life of road


## OUR PROJECTS

## THREE DOW PARKING LOTS AND A DRIVEWAY SPRING 2023



## STOCKYARD, AND SILOAM ROADS PUEBLO COUNTY, CO FALL 2022



## Upgrade Feeder System



Custom concept feeder system for rPE


## COUNTY OF PUEBLO 2023 OVERLAY



6 roads and 1 County parking lot
New hopper-based feeder system


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## NCAT ADDITIVE GROUP STUDY: RUTTING

- NCAT evaluated unmodified, SBS, rPE asphalt
- Both SBS and rPE significantly improved rutting resistance vs unmodified asphalts
- No statistically meaningful difference in performance between SBS and rPE



## NCAT ADDITIVE GROUP STUDY: CRACKING

- Evaluated unmodified, SBS, and rPE Asphalts
- No statistical discrimination between unmodified and PMA mixtures
- No impact on intermediate-temperature cracking resistance from polymer modification and adding dry rPE




## RPE + RET BLENDS MEET LOW TEMPERATURE PERFORMANCE

Values below 300 MPa indicate resistance to cracking


Values above 0.300 indicate resistance to cracking

rPE: Recycled Polyethylene
RET: Reactive Elastomeric Terpolymer
SBS: Styrene-butadiene-styrene


## SEPARATION TEST

- Recycled polyethene (rPE) by itself fails separation tests
- Dow's Elvaloy ${ }^{\mathrm{TM}}$ polymer significantly improves separation test to almost unmeasurable levels
- Elvaloy ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ is looking for the rPE
- Chemically bonds with the rPE to form a new, resilient system

48 Hour Separation Test ( $\Delta^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ )


## COMPARISON OF PLASTICS IN PAVEMENT DESIGN

LOCALLY RECYCLED PRODUCED MATERIAL

Recycled Plastic

## SBS/SB

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## NCAT WET PROCESS STUDY HIGHLIGHTS:

Comprehensive study comparing rheological and HMA performances of Neat, rPE, and SBS modified binders


Road Longevity: G-R Ratio

rPE: Recycled Polyethylene RET: Reactive Elastomeric Terpolymer SBS: Styrene-butadiene-styrene

Conclusion: rPE + RET blends will have similar performance to that of SBS

## NCAT ADDITIVE GROUP STUDY

- Improved rutting resistance due to polymer modification and adding dry rPE
- Hybrid-process PMA (more rPE) > wet-process PMA > unmodified


IDEAL-RT


Note: SBS Dosage ~2X RET dosage

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## VISUALIZING RECYCLED PLASTIC INCOMPATIBILITY

RET significantly reduces PE domain sizes demonstrating compatibilization

Low Magnification Epifluorescence Microscopy

PE-only modified asphalt shows phase separation


Binder + 0.2\% PPA
3\% RPE + 0.2\% PPA

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No specific domains visible


No specific domains visible

[^1]Consumer Recycled Resins for Performance Graded Asphalts" March 2019

## FORMULATED BINDER CONTAINING rPE PASSES SEPARATION TEST

- ASTM D5976-48 hour separation test
- Values $>4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ indicate polymer incompatibility, i.e. separation from the binder



## rPE BLENDS MEET LOW TEMPERATURE PERFORMANCE

- No effect of density observed for high temperature performance
- All polymer modified formulations
demonstrated improvement of low temperature
- No observable effect of density for non-recoverable creep studies
properties


Useful Temperature Interval

Non-recoverable creep


## FIRST HYBRID PROCESS INSTALLATION

Placed in August 2021
Joint project under Mo DOT and University of Missouri


MU researchers develop sustainable asphalt using recycled plastic // Show Me Mizzou // University of Missouri

- Driving' innovation to help eliminate plastic waste // Show Me Mizzou // University of Missouri



## UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI STUDY

- Balanced Mix Design targets:
- $\mathrm{CT}_{\text {INDEX }}>=32$
- HWTT RUT DEPTH @ 20,000 PASSES <= 12.5 mm
- Five iterations to reach to a final balanced mix design
- Contains $30 \%$ RAP $+30 \%$ SLAG
- All CT values were above threshold
- Best performer involved hybrid process
- Wet PG64-28 ERET (1.0\%)
- 0.5 wt \% dry PCR vs mix
- $3 \%$ Evoflex CA-4 rejuvenator vs binder
- RET compatibilization enabled removal



## EMC'S FIRST HYBRID PROJECT

## Buckeye, Arizona January 2022

- 200 mix ton test section
- 1-ton recycled polyethylene (rPE)
- ~15,000K grocery bags
- Reactive terpolymer (RET) was blending at binder modifier plant
- $0.5 \%$ rPE was blended directly into the Hot Mix Asphalt plant via fines return
- Mixture passed all laboratory and postconstruction core sample tests.



# Local Roads <br> Local Plastic Local Jobs Till|ill PLASTICS 

## OTHER SLIDES




[^0]:    ** As compared to unmodified binders

[^1]:    Brown et al. Plastics Industry Association New End Use Marketing Opportunity meeting "ELVALOY ${ }^{m}$ RET and Post

