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Univation Technologies Ranks in the Top 10 of the Patent Scorecard

HOUSTON, Texas (May 31, 2006) – Univation Technologies, LLC ranks 5th in the chemicals industry in iplQ's *2006 Patent Scorecard*, an annual industry-by-industry ranking of corporate innovation. To create an objective measure of innovation, iplQ combined a series of indicators to arrive at scores in patent quality, technological strength, and breadth of impact. The Patent Scorecard has historically been published in *Business Week* and MIT's *Technology Review* and tracks the U.S. patent portfolios of more than 2500 of the world's top technology firms.

Univation is the only polyethylene technology licensor in the chemical industry top 10 innovators list and is surrounded by such noted technology giants as DuPont, BASF, and Dow chemical. Use of Univation products and license technology helps the company's customers lower production costs, achieve better performing polyethylene resins for existing as well as new product applications, and increase plant throughput.

Chemicals Industry Top 10

Ranking & Movement		Company*	Technology Strength™ 2005	Current Impact Index™ (CII) 2005	Science Linkage™ 2005	Technology Cycle Time™ 2005	Patent Count 2005
2005	2004						
1	1	DuPont	212	54	4.72	9.93	396
2	4	Rohm and Haas	126	87	1.06	9.26	144
3	2	BASF	107	36	1.35	10.72	296
4	7	Henkel	100	108	0.98	13.06	94
5	61	Univation Technologies	83	169	5.37	8.54	49
6	3	Shin-Etsu Chemical	82	51	0.59	9.09	159
7	5	Nan Ya Plastics	82	92	0.09	4.62	89
8	9	Nitto Denko	81	92	0.72	7.35	89
9	8	Toray Industries	69	79	2.71	8.41	87
10	6	Dow Chemical	65	60	5.50	11.18	109

*Includes subsidiaries and wholly owned companies

Source: www.iplQ.com

Achieving Highest Scores in Key Indicators

Besides rising to the top-10 level from its previous ranking of 61, Univation also placed in the #1 or #2 spots in some of the indicators that are used to measure each company's innovation "grade."

The company received the highest score in overall Science Linkage category, which reflects the core science referenced in a company's U.S. patents and tracks references to a firm's patents in current scientific journals. A high number in this category indicates that company is considered

“closer to the cutting edge [of Scientific Research & Development] than its competitors with lower values” (iplQ Patent Scorecard 2006 Overview).

Univation ranked second in the Current-Impact Index or CII, This index examines the frequency in which the company’s U.S. patents are used as the basis for other innovation within a given year. This measure showcases the broader significance of a company’s patent portfolio by examining how often its U.S. patents from the previous five years are cited as “prior art” in the current year’s issued patents. With a CII value of 100 representing average frequency; Univation’s CII value of 169 indicates the company’s patents “were referenced [69%] more often than the industry average” (iplQ).

Keeping Our Customers Competitive

Univation received a total of 50 patents during 2005 for ongoing development of its UNIPOL PE process, catalysts, and resins. According to iplQ, “The most significant mover in the [chemicals] category and top ten is Univation Technologies vaulting 56 positions to number 5. The joint venture between Dow Chemical [10th position] and Exxon Mobil Corp. [5th position in Energy and Environment] has impressive Science Linkage and Category leading CII” (iplQ).

“Univation’s leading position on the iplQ Scorecard list among polyethylene process licensors is a testimony to our commitment to keep our customers competitive for the long run, particularly as the market changes,” says F. Gregory Stakem, vice president research, development and engineering.

Stakem adds, “We are particularly pleased with the high marks for Science Linkage which is indicative of our continuing focus on exploiting new chemistry and process learnings to bring catalyst systems forward for single reactor bimodal high-density technology and advanced linear low-density polyethylene products.”

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