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## SYMPHONY ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES PLC

## **Record Attendance at Third International Distributors' Conference**

Symphony Environmental Technologies Plc ("Symphony" or "Company"), the specialist in advanced plastics technologies including d2w controlled life and d2p anti-microbial products, is pleased to announce the success of the Company's third Distributors Conference ("Conference"), which was held in London last week.

The Distributors' Conference, held over three days was attended by over 40 delegates from more than 30 countries, along with specialist technical and scientific speakers from a further four countries.

The Conference featured a range of speakers covering topics such as sales and marketing strategies, finance and logistics, ongoing research and development work, recent changes to legislation and concluded with success stories and tips from some of the Company's most successful distributors around the world.

The event was held against the background of Symphony's excellent 2010 results – showing a 21 per cent rise in revenues to  $\pounds$ 8.48 million and a profit after tax of  $\pounds$ 1.19 million, itself an increase of 29 per cent over the year before.

Delegates were much encouraged by recent developments likely to expand confidence in this form of technology. For example, the UK Environment Agency's Lifecycle Assessment, showing that oxo-biodegradable bags have a better LCA than paper or compostable plastic bags; the announcement of British Standard (BS 8472), the only standard in Europe for biodegradability of plastic litter in the environment, which Symphony played a major role in developing; the submission by the British Plastic Federation to the UK Government of a detailed scientific dossier proving the biodegradability, non-toxicity, and recyclability of oxobiodegradable plastic; and the recognition by the EU Commission of the problem of plastic waste in the environment and the need for a clear distinction between plastics biodegradable

in the normal environment and those biodegradable only in the special conditions found in industrial composting.

Those attending the conference discussed Symphony's further expansion plans: the company recently launched its d2p anti-microbial plastic product and the d2Detector, a hand-held device which analyses plastics and detects counterfeit products. Also the delegates noted progress with the Company's waste-to-value plans to turn scrap tyres into valuable products.

Symphony's CEO, Michael Laurier, commented:

*"It is truly an honour for the Company to host such an impressive number of delegates from over 30 countries here in England. We are delighted that the Conference enabled so many of our distributors to meet and network, and further develop ideas to help nurture the ongoing success of Symphony.* 

"There is exceptional talent within our worldwide network of distributors and we look forward to reaching more markets in the future - further growing our distribution network, which currently represents Symphony in over 90 countries."

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SYMPHONY ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES PLC is a specialist in controlled-life plastic technology and products - a system that works by a process called oxobiodegradation. The technology is branded d2w® and appears as a droplet logo on many thousands of tonnes of plastic packaging and other plastic products.

Symphony also owns the trademark d2p for an anti-microbial technology that can be used in most types of plastic products to help protect against infection. Symphony is also developing innovative and cost-effective waste-to-value technology to convert scrap tyres and other waste-streams into valuable products.

Symphony's d2w® technology turns plastic at the end of its service-life into a material with a completely different molecular structure. At that stage it is no longer a plastic and can be bioassimilated in the open environment in the same way as a leaf.

For a video of d2w® plastic degrading see -http://degradable.net/play-videos/4

Symphony has a diverse and growing customer-base and has established itself successfully as an international business. Products made with d2w® plastic technology can now be found in more than 90 countries around the world and in many different product applications. Symphony is a member of the Oxo-biodegradable Plastics Association (www.biodeg.org), the Society for the Chemical Industry (UK), the British Plastics Federation (BPF), and the Pacific Basin Economic Council (PBEC). Symphony is also a member of the European Organisation for Packaging & the Environment (Europen) and the British Brands Group. Symphony actively participates in the Committee work of the British Standards Institute (BSI), the European Standards Organisation (CEN), the American Standards Organisation (ASTM) and the International Standards Organisation (ISO)

Further information on the Symphony Group can be found at www.d2w.net.