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# **Symphony Environmental Technologies Plc**

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## Symphony's d2w awarded Ecolabel certification

Symphony Environmental Technologies Plc (AIM: SYM), global specialists in "making plastic smarter", with d2w controlled-life, d2p anti-bacterial and d2t anti-counterfeiting technologies is pleased to announce that its d2w oxo-biodegradable technology has been certified by ABNT (the Brazilian Association of Technical Standards) and has been awarded the coveted Ecolabel.

The criteria for awarding an Ecolabel are to preserve environment quality and minimise pollution caused by production, use and disposal of products and services. If plastic products made with d2w technology escape into the open environment they will automatically convert into biodegradable materials at the end of their useful life. The award is the result of rigorous testing to prove that Symphony's d2w additive has been thoroughly assessed throughout its life cycle and confirms the environmental value of the product.

It is the only oxo-biodegradable additive to qualify for the Ecolabel.

Michael Laurier CEO said "the ABNT Ecolabel can now be proudly displayed on plastic products made with d2w, and represents an important step forward. The Ecolabel confirms the environmental credentials of the d2w additive and distinguishes it from all other oxo-biodegradable products on the market. We would like to thank our distributor RES Brazil for all their hard work in securing this prestigious award."

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#### **About ABNT**

ABNT is a member of ISO (International Organisation for Standardisation) and the Global Ecolabelling Network.

ABNT is accredited by Cgcre (INMETRO Accreditation General Coordination) for certification of products, services and systems. Cgcre (INMETRO Accreditation General Coordination) is a member of the International Accreditation Forum.

INMETRO has a mutual recognition of certification agreement with European Accreditation, which applies to the entire European Union, and with Inter-American Accreditation, which applies to the United States, Canada, and Mexico. INMETRO certification is also recognised by Asia-Pacific Laboratory Accreditation (APLAC).

### About Symphony Environmental Technologies plc

Symphony has developed a range of additives, concentrates and master-batches marketed as d2p which can be incorporated in a wide variety of plastic and non-plastic products and applications so as to give them protection against many different types of bacteria, fungi, algae, mold and insects.

In addition Symphony has developed controlled-life plastic technology which turns ordinary plastic at the end of its service-life into biodegradable materials. It is then no longer a plastic and can be bioassimilated in the open environment in the same way as a leaf. The technology is branded d2w® and appears as a droplet logo on many thousands of tonnes of plastic packaging and other plastic products around the world. In some countries oxo-biodegradable plastic is mandatory. For a video of d2w® plastic degrading see http://degradable.net/play-videos/4.

In addition Symphony has developed the d2Detector®, a portable device which analyses plastics and detects counterfeit products. Symphony's d2t tagging and tracer technology is also available for further security. See www.d2t.net

Symphony has a diverse and growing customer-base and has established itself as an international business with 74 distributors around the world. Products made with Symphony's plastic technologies are now available in 97countries and in many different product applications. Symphony is certified to ISO9001 and ISO14001.

Symphony is a member of The Oxo-biodegradable Plastics Association (www.biodeg.org) (OPA), the Society for the Chemical Industry (UK), and the Pacific Basin Environmental Council. Symphony actively participates in the Committee work of the British Standards Institute (BSI), the American Standards Organisation (ASTM), the European Standards Organisation (CEN), and the International Standards Organisation (ISO).

Further information on the Symphony Group can be found at www.symphonyenvironmental.com.