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## **Symphony Environmental Technologies Plc**

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## SYMPHONY CEO AT THE UNITED NATIONS ON PLASTIC IN THE OCEANS

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 Michael Laurier, CEO of Symphony Environmental Technologies Plc was a guest speaker at the 'One Ocean, Science for Sanctuaries Symposium" on 5 March 2015 at the United Nations in New York.

The issue of healthy oceans affects millions of people around the globe and plastic pollution has a major impact on wildlife and coastal communities. It is well known that there are "ocean garbage patches" comprising thousands of tonnes of floating plastic waste.

Laurier explained that "there would be no ocean garbage patches if all the disposable plastic items had been made with oxo-biodegradable technology, which does not just break up the plastic, it actually converts it into non-toxic biodegradable materials at the end of its useful life."

Laurier continued "The UAE, Pakistan, and seven other countries have concluded it is not practicable to ban plastic products, nor to prevent some of them getting into the ocean, so they have legislated to make oxo-biodegradability mandatory."

"We believe all the other countries in the world should follow their example."

Symphony will also be represented by its Deputy Chairman, Michael Stephen, at the "Plastics in the Sea" conference in Monaco on 10-11 March.

For Symphony's oxo-biodegradable technology see <a href="www.d2w.net">www.d2w.net</a> and for oxo-bio generally see <a href="www.biodeg.org">www.biodeg.org</a>

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## 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.

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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.