

## FOSTER APPOINTED DISTRIBUTOR OF REPSOL FOR NORTH AMERICAN HEALTHCARE MARKETS

PUTNAM, CT USA - (**March 23, 2018**) - Foster Corporation, a leader in polymer solutions for healthcare markets, has been appointed distributor of Repsol's healthcare polyolefins portfolio: polypropylene, polyethylene and ethylene-vinyl acetate (EVA) copolymers for the North American healthcare markets effective January 1, 2018. Repsol Healthcare<sup>®</sup> medical grade polyolefins are used in a wide range of healthcare applications from syringe barrels to medical bags.

Repsol offers 27 grades of polyolefins specifically for healthcare applications. These include polypropylene homopolymers and copolymers, low density and high density polyethylene (i.e.: LDPE, HDPE), and EVA copolymers with vinyl acetate content ranging from 7.5% to 28%. These medical-grade polymers meet USP Class VI and ISO 10993 requirements.

"Polyolefins are used in more medical devices and packaging than any other thermoplastic. Today, these economical polymers are being evaluated for a wider range of applications than ever before," said Larry Johnson, Executive Vice President of Foster Corporation. "To support medical device development from prototype through production, we offer Repsol polypropylene, polyethylene and EVA copolymer medical grades in 25 kg (55 lb) through truckload quantities."

For more information about available medical-grade Repsol Healthcare polyolefins, please visit <u>www.fosterpolymers.com</u> or <u>www.repsol.com</u>.

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## **About Foster Corporation**

For over twenty-five years, Foster Corporation has been serving medical device and pharmaceutical manufacturers with industry leading technology and service in biomedical materials. These include custom medical compounds, implantable materials, drug/polymer blends and polymer distribution. Within ISO 13485:2003 and ISO 9001:2008 facilities, Foster offers comprehensive support to customers from formulation development through production. For more information, visit www.fostercomp.com.

## About Repsol

Repsol is one of the world's leading publicly-traded oil and gas companies. The company operates in the areas with the most energy potential around the world and has one of the most efficient refining systems in Europe. Repsol is present in 37 countries employing over 24,000 people. The company has business activity across the entire value chain, including hydrocarbon exploration and production, refining, transport, chemicals, service stations and the development of new energy solutions. Repsol manufactures and markets a wide variety of chemical products, ranging from basic petrochemicals to derivatives. In addition, the company has three large petrochemical facilities in Europe where high added-value differentiated products are developed. The products from Repsol's Chemicals Division are used to manufacture everyday objects that improve people's quality of life, their well-being and their safety and can be found in almost all industry segments. For more information, visit <u>www.repsol.energy</u>.

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