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Johns Manville Launches Multi-End Roving MultiStar® 272 in North America

DENVER — September 2, 2024—Johns Manville (JM), a leading manufacturer of premium-quality building and specialty products and a Berkshire Hathaway company, is excited to introduce the MultiStar® 272 multi-end (assembled) roving to the North American market. Multi-end roving is a fiberglass material in which multiple strands of fiber are bundled together to create a stronger, more versatile product used in composite manufacturing.

MultiStar® 272 is designed to meet the automotive industry's increasing demands for high-performance, lightweight materials with flawless surface finishes. It is specifically designed to enhance the capabilities of the SMC (Sheet Molding Compound) downstream value chain and enables the achievement of stringent Class A surface quality standards, as required by automotive OEMs for their final products.



Multi-End Roving at Johns Manville

Achieving Class A finishes presents significant challenges, including the need for optimal raw material balance, efficient processing and minimizing surface imperfections. MultiStar® 272 addresses these challenges with exceptional wet-out properties, optimized chopping performance and low fuzz formation, ensuring a smooth and defect-free surface.

“MultiStar® 272 serves as a reliable product for SMC compounders aiming to excel in automotive applications,” said Pat Reinagel, Global Portfolio Manager Fiberglass at Johns Manville. “Our extensive experience in Europe has shown that MultiStar® 272 ensures the consistency and quality required to achieve Class A finishes. We are thrilled to bring this expertise to the North American market.”

Johns Manville will showcase MultiStar® 272 at CAMX 2024 in booth N23, where attendees can discuss its capabilities firsthand. In addition, the company will also present its fiberglass direct rovings and chopped strands portfolio.

About Johns Manville

Johns Manville, a Berkshire Hathaway company (NYSE: BRK.A, BRK.B), is a leading manufacturer and marketer of premium-quality building and specialty products. In business since 1858, the Denver-based company has annual sales over \$4 billion and holds leadership positions in all of the key markets that it serves. JM employs 8,000 people and operates in 43 North American and European locations. Additional information can be found at www.jm.com.