



## News Release

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### For Immediate Release

#### **ORION ENGINEERED CARBONS TO INCREASE PRICES FOR RUBBER CARBON BLACKS PRODUCED IN SOUTH KOREA**

October 6, 2016 – Orion Engineered Carbons announced today that effective with shipments beginning December 1, 2016, it will implement base price increases of up to 9% on all Rubber Black grades made in South Korea and sold in the Asia-Pacific market.

Tightening environmental laws and regulations in South Korea are adding substantial amounts to our operating cost base, as are the annual increases in labor costs. This is aggravated by unfavorable developments in the feedstock market; over the last months Orion has had to pay significantly more for required high quality carbon black oil (CBO) due to a very tight Korean fuel oil market. Orion has implemented intensive cost reduction campaigns to absorb cost increases, but these efforts are no longer adequate to deal with the challenges it faces.

This price increase is independent from the underlying movements of the Singapore fuel oil index which continues to be used as a reference for price adjustments related to oil price changes which Orion negotiates with its Korean customers on a regular basis.



The price increases will allow Orion to maintain its very high service levels and supply of high quality Rubber Carbon Blacks, as well as to provide innovative solutions and developments for its customers in South Korea and the rest of Asia.

In case of questions, requests or further explanation, please contact your local sales representative. You may also contact Mr. Morris Qian, Vice President, Business Line Rubber, Asia Pacific (Morris.Qian@orioncarbons.com).

**About Orion Engineered Carbons S.A.**

Orion Engineered Carbons is a worldwide supplier of Carbon Black. The Company offers standard and high-performance products for Coatings, Printing Inks, Polymers, Rubber and other applications. Our high-quality Gas Blacks, Furnace Blacks and Specialty Carbon Blacks tint, colorize and enhance the performance of plastics, paints and coatings, inks and toners, adhesives and sealants, tires, and manufactured rubber goods such as automotive belts and hoses. With 1,530 employees worldwide, Orion Engineered Carbons runs 15 global production sites and four Applied Technology Centers. For more information visit our website [www.orioncarbons.com](http://www.orioncarbons.com).

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