**SCGC – Sirplaste Portugal Expand High Quality PCR Production Capacity to Supply Europe and Africa, Transitioning to Chemicals Business for Sustainability**

**Bangkok – 29 September 2022**: SCG Chemicals or SCGC has recently invested in new technologies and machinery at Sirplaste in Portugal, following the acquisition of a 70% stake in Sirplaste-Sociedade Industrial de Recuperados de Plástico, S.A. (Sirplaste) through SCG Chemicals Trading (Singapore) PTE in April 2022. This investment is undertaken to expand the production capacity of recycled high-density polyethylene or High Quality Post-Consumer Recycled Resin (PCR) by 9,000 tonnes per year, or 25% of the current total production capacity. As a result, Sirplaste will have a total PCR production capacity of more than 45,000 tonnes per year by the second quarter of 2023. The goal is to address the ever-increasing market demand in Europe and Africa. This strengthens Portugal's position as a leader in PCR and fits with SCGC's corporate strategy of "Chemicals Business for Sustainability".

**Tanawong Areeratchakul, Chief Executive Officer and President of SCGC,** said, "SCGC has a clear business strategy for the green polymer that fulfills the market's need for sustainability. The decision to invest in new technologies and machinery at Sirplaste in Portugal at this time is to strengthen the High Quality Post-Consumer Recycled Resin or PCR business and expand the commercial potential to become more competitive in the global market."

SCGC has been committed to promoting resource efficiency in line with circular economy principles to grow the total sales volume of the green polymer portfolio to one million tonnes annually by 2030. This also includes Post-Consumer Recycled Resin (PCR) products to support the growing customer demand, particularly among major global brands that have declared their commitments to sustainable business practices and promoted recycling and usage of PCR in packaging for products, especially in household and personal care segments. As a result, the demand for green packaging has the potential to rise in the long run, particularly in European markets.

**Ricardo Pereira, CEO of Sirplaste, stated, "Our annual production capacity is currently 36,000 tonnes. This venture is an excellent starting point for increasing annual production capacity by 25%, or 45,000 tonnes. In the future, there are plans to constantly increase production capacity to support the expanding green packaging market in the long run. This serves to solidify Sirplaste's commitment to European customers and reinforces our position as a leader in Portugal's recycled plastics industry."**

"Throughout over 50 years, we have consistently invested in cutting-edge technologies. SCGC's investment keeps the company's commitment-driven business operations moving forward by adopting new technologies and machinery to enhance the recycling process, ranging from better sorting control, improved washing process to effective deodorization process. The goal is to satisfy the needs of customers and brand owners who seek high-quality products while safeguarding the environment. This will also help promote business growth for our customers."

In addition, **the High Quality PCR** produced for the market is certified by EuCertplast, a European standard that verifies that raw material sources for PCR are responsibly sourced post-consumer resin. This approach will reduce plastic waste, create new value for post-consumer plastic, and establish true sustainability for businesses and the planet.

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