Phillips Sumika: Marlex HGX-030-01 (Polypropylene) July 14, 2011 Background/Update

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History

July 2005

- Contract with Phillips Summika expiring Sept 2005
- During renegotiation to extend, <u>supplier refuses to</u> continue to sell to BSC for use in Medical Device, but allows lifetime buy per terms of contract (up to 40K lbs maximum allowed)
- BSC purchased 4K lbs; equivalent to 10 years production

June 2010

 Considered "Bullpen" project in Urology/Women's Health Sustaining Dashboard PIB

October 2010

- Charlie Smith's team identifies Borealis resin as suitable replacement; confirmed by results from Nelson Labs
- Global Sourcing is contacted to begin contract discussions with Borealis
 - Initial discussions positive

November 2010

- Borealis communicates they have determined "they will not knowingly sell their product for use in medical device"
- Project reactivated from "Bullpen" in Urology/Women's Health Sustaining Dashboard PIB

Jan - June 2011

January 2011

- Global Sourcing searches market for additional HGX-030-01
 - PolyOne, Foster, Sabic, RTP, Solvay, Teleflex, Ashland, etc.

March 2011

- Due to the proliferation of new products and increasing sales, inventory forecasted now to only last 2-3 more years
- Global Sourcing contacts Phillips Summika directly to purchase additional Marlex.
- Phillips Summika confirms:
 - Entire <u>HGX-030-01 product line was discontinued several</u> years ago due to low demand
 - BSC can request a special run with following criteria:
 - Not to be used for medical device
 - Minimum buy is 1M lbs, the equivalent of 6 rail cars
 - Material value estimated @ \$2M
 - Even if all criteria above is met; no guarantee Phillips Summika management will approve request
- Decision made to proceed with purchase of Borealis resin through Tier 3 supplier (Luxilon); no direct link to BSC

April 2011

- Indemnification/Insurance Agreement
 - Stand alone agreement is developed and approved by Legal in anticipation of future discussions with resin suppliers unwilling to sell to BSC for use in medical device
 - Team agrees not to approach current suppliers; use if future negotiations through normal channels unsuccessful

Supply Chain

>	MedVenture (Assemblies / Kits)	Tier 1
	> Proxy (Mesh)	Tier 2
	> Luxilon (Fibers)	Tier 3
	> Phillips (Resin)	Tier 4

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- Material selection changed to LyondellBasell Profax material
- PO placed to have Proxy test Profax material
- Current inventory of Marlex expected to run out June 2012
- New Mesh Regulations from FDA introduced

• July 19 – Option 1

Supplier Management Outpost in Shanghai Michael (Zhao Ying)

- Still in evaluation, but we have received a positive read on HGX-030-01 being available in China (Distributor) – Guangdong (Hong Kong)
- Don't get your hope up yet, still too early
- One distributor is out, but mentioned that they can get that material within 2 months
- Another distributor needs to do more ground work, but believes that they have it on stock.
- Other distributors have the product listed on their web page.

Open questions.

- Are we going to place the order, or will Luxilon place the order.
- Do we have to add this distributor to our AVL

Open questions continued

- Can someone write a deviation to avoid assessment/re-qual/FAI
- Does the product have a shelf life
- · Does the product have storage/handling conditions
- What questions should we ask that we can confirm that it is the right product and that it was stored/handled properly
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July 19 – Option 2 RTi has located 1300 lbs domestically

- 700 lbs virgin resin
- 600 lbs with minimal black flecks

ACTIONS:

- Initiate PO for 700 lbs of virgin resin Charlie
- Discuss w/Engineering possibility of using 600 lbs w/flecks Charlie
- Global Sourcing will continue to pursue other sources of material, including leads in China.

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