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SPE HONORS LEROY BOSER FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN THERMOFORMING OPERATIONS AND APPLICATIONS

CAROL STREAM, IL., U.S.A., September 11, 2019: The Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) Thermoforming Division has presented its Lifetime Achievement Award to Leroy (Lee) Boser, an expert in thermoforming technology who worked for Spartech and other companies for nearly four decades and authored two well-known thermoforming manuals.

The Division's Executive Committee presented the award to him on September 10, during SPE's Thermoforming Awards Dinner at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center Hotel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mr. Boser began his career in 1967 as a plant supervisor with Uniroyal. After 11 years, he left to become General Manager at Riblet Plastics, where he worked for six years until returning to Uniroyal in 1985. Fifteen years later, Uniroyal's sheet business was acquired by Spartech Corporation, and Lee became the Chief Sales Engineer until he retired in 2005. He now serves as a thermoforming engineer consultant to many of Spartech's customers.

Throughout his career, Lee Boser has traveled around the world to help set up thermoforming operations and troubleshoot customer challenges in the U.S., Canada, England, Scotland, Germany, Romania, Australia, and China.

Mr. Boser played an instrumental role in the introduction of Spartech's Royalite® and Royalex® materials. Royalite® sheet is an engineered thermoplastic alloy designed for aviation, mass transit, medical and building and construction applications and meets stringent flame and smoke requirements. Royalex® contains a post-foaming technology which was used extensively in the manufacture of high-end canoes.

Lee Boser has published two notable thermoforming manuals: *Pressure Forming Manual* in the early 1990s and *Thermoforming Manual and Troubleshooting Guide* a decade later.

Mr. Boser holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Illinois. A longtime member of SPE, he joined the Board of Directors of Rotational Molders in 1980, and served on their board for five years. He resides in Elkhart, Indiana with his family and enjoys playing bridge during his free time.

"I had the privilege of seeing Lee Boser in action during my resin-selling days, and I was always amazed at how he could show a customer how to troubleshoot an issue (which quite often was not a material issue), and do it in a way where the customer was grateful," said Eric Short, SPE Thermoforming Division Chair. "While processors are the core of our industry, there is an often

unsung supporting cast of resin producers, sheet extruders, tool makers, and other suppliers who have partnered with the processor to help accomplish great things. Lee Boser's career epitomizes that partnership."

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