

## Ashland to increase solvent and emulsion pressure-sensitive adhesives prices for North America

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DUBLIN, Ohio – Effective April 25, or as contracts allow, Ashland Performance Materials, a commercial unit of Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH), will increase North American prices for all Aroset<sup>™</sup> and Flexcryl<sup>™</sup> solveated and emulsion pressuresensitive adhesive product lines by 5 – 15 percent per wet pound. Customers should contact their Ashland salesperson for specific details.

"This action is necessary in this challenging period of tightness in global supply for key raw materials and escalating costs for feed stocks and energy," said David Hatgas, global director, Ashland Performance Materials.

Ashland Performance Materials is the global leader in unsaturated polyester resins and epoxy vinyl ester resins. In addition, it provides customers with leading technologies in gelcoats, and pressure-sensitive and structural adhesives.

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