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## Ashland's Maxguard™ GNJ wins Ringier 2014 Composites Technology Innovation Award

Shanghai, China - Ashland Performance Materials, a commercial unit of Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH), recently received a Ringier 2014 Composites Technology Innovation Award for its non-sanding Maxguard GNJ sanitary gelcoat, which offers improved appearance and durability to manufacturers of sanitary products such as bathtubs and water closets.

The award recognizes significant contributions to the advancement of China's composites industry through technical innovation, improved productivity, economic efficiency and market opportunity creation. Ringier awards are considered to be among the most prestigious in China's composites industry.

Chinese sanitary manufacturers now have more choices than ever when producing sanitary wares ranging from bathtubs to water closets. Maxguard GNJ gelcoat is specifically designed to deliver prime performance including excellent water resistance, high gloss retention, surface hardness and shortened manufacturing process time.

"We are honored to win this award," said Winter Lai, UPR/Gelcoat product manager, Ashland Performance Materials Asia Pacific. "We are committed to delivering innovative products and unmatched technical expertise to help our composites customers grow and succeed in the marketplace."

Added Gary Landsettle, vice president, Ashland Performance Materials Asia Pacific: We see a number of exciting growth opportunities in China's composites market and we look forward to providing our customers with leading-edge technology and service in the years ahead."

Ashland Performance Materials will present its latest innovations and products at the China Composites Expo in Shanghai, September 3-5, 2014. For more information about Maxguard GNJ, please visit Ashland at booth #A710 or see our website at [ashland.com](http://ashland.com).

### About Ashland Performance Materials

Ashland Performance Materials is the global leader in unsaturated polyester resins and vinyl ester resins. In addition, it offers leading chemical technologies in gelcoats, coatings, intermediates and solvents, and elastomers. Key customers include: manufacturers of residential and commercial building products; infrastructure engineers; wind blade and pipe manufacturers; auto, truck and tire makers; and boatbuilders. Visit [ashland.com](http://ashland.com) to learn more.

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