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**IDI Develops New Thermoset Molding Compound
for HVAC Applications**

NOBLESVILLE, IN (USA) – IDI Composites International announces a new UL- approved sheet molding compound developed specifically for the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) market: **SMC E5V-204**. With superior corrosion resistance, SMC E5V-204 is the ideal replacement for air conditioning drain pans made from galvanized sheet metal that rust during long-term



exposure to condensation. The new formulation gives manufacturers a cost-effective, long-lasting alternative to metal for this critical application in the HVAC market.

Working with Suburban Plastics, a leading molder of parts in the HVAC market, IDI formulated this grade of SMC specifically to meet the unique material demands of air conditioning drain pans. In addition to the corrosion resistant properties of the materials, SMC E5V-204 is also flame resistant, receiving a UL-94 5V certification, the highest flame resistant designation available. The flame resistant properties of the material, and its ability to maintain its structural integrity under exposure to elevated temperatures, is

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significant, as the end product is contained within furnace equipment in homes and businesses.

The high glass content of SMC E5V-204 is also a key benefit, as the material must be strong enough to withstand constant pressure from the A-coil that sits above the drain pan. The glass content provides the dimensional stability required to ensure structural integrity. An optional anti-microbial additive guards against harmful pathogens.

The new SMC material is available in The Americas, Europe, and Asia/Pacific.

Suburban Plastics is producing the final drain pans in volume at their molding facility in Elgin, IL (USA). The compression molded drain pans produced by Suburban Plastics using SMC E5V-204 require no secondary operations by the OEM.

For more information, please call the company's global headquarters in Noblesville, IN (USA) at +001-317-773-1766, or visit www.idicomposites.com. Additional information can also be found by calling Suburban Plastics at +001-847-741-4900, or by visiting www.suburbanplastics.com.

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About IDI Composites International: IDI Composites International is the premier global formulator and manufacturer of thermoset molding compounds for custom molders and OEMs. The company provides customized polyester/vinylester-based bulk molding compounds (BMC) and sheet molding compounds (SMC) for the world's most demanding markets, including automotive, electrical, appliance, food service, and energy.

Headquartered in a 200,000 square foot facility in Noblesville, IN (USA), IDI has a strong presence in the international thermoset composites market. To support a growing customer base world-wide, the company operates multiple wholly-owned manufacturing facilities in Europe, Asia, and The Americas.