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## PRESS RELEASE

## Inhance Technologies introduces new DuraBloc Process™ for HDPE and XLPE Fuel Tanks

DuraBloc<sup>™</sup> provides best-in-class barrier performance allowing all plastic fuel tank manufacturing technologies to surpass the most stringent emissions regulations

Houston, TX September 4th, 2014 – Inhance Technologies, the leader in barrier and surface modification technologies for plastics, today announces the launch of its newest innovation: the DuraBloc Process™ for plastic fuel components, including fuel tanks and portable fuel storage vessels.

The DuraBloc Process™ permanently treats the inside and outside surfaces of monolayer HDPE and XLPE fuel tanks providing the highest performing barrier among all plastic fuel tank construction methods. Incorporating the deepest and most dense barrier layer of its kind, DuraBloc treated fuel tanks exhibit long lasting durability under severe conditions.

"As the regulatory emissions requirements dictated by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the US Environmental Protection Agency have grown increasingly stringent, the DuraBloc Process™ allows tank manufacturers and power equipment OEMs the design freedom and assurance their device will comply with current and future evaporative emission standards," said Thomas Lee, Market Director, Fuel Systems. "The technology is extremely flexible allowing for safe application across the broad spectrum of fuel tank production technologies including blow, injection and rotationally molded tanks."

Inhance Technologies was the first to provide a solution to meet CARB and EPA regulations and currently treats millions of fuel tanks a year. Lee explains "Our investment to develop the DuraBloc Process™ reflects the growing demand for a simple solution to exceed the most demanding evaporative emission requirements."

The cost-effective process provides an excellent alternative to complex polymers, processing techniques or expensive capital equipment, eliminating barrier inconsistencies or delamination. The treatment is tailored to provide uniform barrier coverage, regardless of shape, wall thickness, or size, and results in fuel tanks with the best impact resistance. Additionally, all plastics treated with the DuraBloc Process™ remains fully recyclable as the original material.

The easy-to-deliver DuraBloc Process™ can be applied on-site at customer facilities or off-site at any of their numerous manufacturing facilities throughout the United States, Australia and Mexico.

## **About Inhance Technologies:**

Founded in 1983, Inhance Technologies focuses on the transformation of plastics and composites for higher performance through its DuraBloc Process™, Reactive Gas Technology™ and Fluoro-Seal Process™. The company offers Barrier Technology, Surface Modification and

Performance Additives solutions that serve the packaging, automotive, healthcare, consumer products, industrial, transportation and other markets from numerous locations throughout North America and overseas.

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