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A. Schulman Application Design for Ford Motor Company Brazil Nominated for 2016 Society of Plastics Engineers' Award

AKRON, Ohio, Oct. 21, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- A. Schulman, Inc. (Nasdaq: SHLM) today announced that the all-composite body panels it designed for the Ford Motor Company Brazil was nominated for the 2016 Automotive Parts and Components award from the Society of Plastics Engineers ("SPE"). Ford utilizes this design application in its Troller T4 sports utility vehicle.

"We are honored to play a part in the success of our long-time partners at Ford," said Frank Roederer, senior vice president & general manager of Engineered Composites and United States and Canada. "Through our sheet molding compound, we were able to help Ford simultaneously create distinct advantages for its designers and drivers. For Ford designers, our compound provides a highly flexible material that is ideal for high-volume product and part reproducibility. As a result, Ford can create an eye-catching vehicle in a manner that reduces labor costs and lowers scrap rates.

"For Ford drivers, our compound enables them to enjoy a vehicle with complex and unique shapes that is resistant to the 'nicks and dings' of city driving and rugged enough to handle off-road terrain," said Claiton Dantas, general manager of Engineered Composites, Brazil. "Furthermore, because of its light weight, we're helping them obtain an improved fuel efficiency and lower emissions."

"To help Ford achieve this special recognition by SPE is further evidence of the focused, solutions-mindset we bring to our customers every day," said Joseph M. Gingo, chairman, president and chief executive officer. "I am extremely proud of what our team in Brazil has accomplished with Ford and look forward to celebrating future accomplishments from this productive collaboration."

About the Society of Plastics Engineers

Founded in 1941, SPE is the largest technical society for the global plastics industry. With more than 20,000 members from 84 different countries, its mission is to provide and promote scientific and engineering knowledge related to plastics around the world. For more information, please visit: <http://www.4spe.org/>.

About A. Schulman, Inc.

A. Schulman, Inc. is a leading international supplier of high-performance plastic compounds and resins headquartered in Akron, Ohio. Since 1928, the Company has been providing innovative solutions to meet its customers' demanding requirements. The Company's customers span a wide range of markets such as packaging, mobility, building & construction, electronics & electrical, agriculture, personal care & hygiene, sports, leisure & home, custom services and others. The Company employs approximately 4,800 people and has 54 manufacturing facilities globally. A. Schulman reported net sales of approximately \$2.4 billion for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2015. Additional information about A. Schulman can be found at www.aschulman.com. For high-resolution images, please visit our newsroom at <http://engineeredcomposites.aschulman.com/newsroom>.

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