



## **FOSTER CORPORATION ENTERS INTO PARTNERSHIP WITH LIOCHEM, TO EXPAND MEDICAL COLOR MASTERBATCH CAPABILITY**

*LioChem's Lioplax MD color masterbatch products, capability, and expertise will allow Foster to offer increased service levels, larger order capabilities, and expanded expertise in critical color matches for the medical market*

PUTNAM, CT USA - **(February 12, 2020)** - Foster Corporation, a leader in polymer solutions for medical device and pharmaceutical applications, is pleased to announce a new partnership with LioChem, a global player in masterbatch and colorants in the plastics industry. LioChem's expertise will serve to augment, and expand, Foster's current capability in supply of medical color masterbatch by offering larger volume capability as well as providing expertise in critical color matching situations with excellent color match turn-around service levels.

LioChem's Lioplax\* MD color masterbatch products are custom formulated and manufactured exclusively for the critical medical device market using FDA approved 21 CFR 73 Subpart D pigments. Lioplax MD color masterbatch products are also available in a wide variety of base carrier medical grade biotested (USP Class VI/ISO 10993) polymers which can withstand a variety of sterilization techniques.

According to Marcela Linares, Foster's Market Development Manager, "LioChem are experts in color, and color masterbatch products. Because of this expertise they can provide knowledgeable technical support to potential customers looking for guidance regards their medical color needs. The company's extensive experience with pigments, additives, and resins provides a unique opportunity to support design, prototyping, and production in large and small volumes for critical applications."

Linares continues; "The medical market for color is growing at a brisk rate and, at the same time, medical color needs are getting more complex. With the addition of the LioChem partnership, we (Foster) will strengthen our capabilities and expand our offerings to satisfy the color compound needs of our customers; which will enable them to get to market faster with the confidence that their products will comply with the regulatory needs that the medical device industry requires."

Applications for Lioplax MD masterbatch products include medical housings, surgical instruments, fluid management, dialysis, packaging, medical tubing, respiratory & anesthesiology, endoscopy, labware as well as many other medical application segments.

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**About Foster Corporation**

For thirty years Foster Corporation has been serving medical device and pharmaceutical manufacturers with industry leading technology and service in field of biomedical materials. These include custom medical compounds, implantable materials, drug/polymer blends and polymer/additive distribution. Foster operates within ISO 13485:2016 certified facilities and offers comprehensive support from formulation development through production. For more information, please visit [www.fostercomp.com](http://www.fostercomp.com).

**About LioChem**

Located in Conyers, GA USA, Liochem is a leading manufacturer of quality printing inks, coatings, and plastic colorants. Founded in 1988 as part of the worldwide Toyo Ink Group, LioChem merged dispersion technology systems from Japan with innovative manufacturing facilities in the US to become a recognized industry leader. For more information, please visit [www.liochem.toyoink.com](http://www.liochem.toyoink.com).