



## **Inteplast Going Green with InteGreen™ Oxo-biodegradable Plastics**

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*Integrated Bagging Systems, of Inteplast Group, offers green plastic solutions with InteGreen OXO products. The oxo-biodegradable plastic bags can break down in landfills, and in the environment, up to 10 times faster than typical plastic bags.*

Lolita, Texas – The need to “go green” and be more environmentally friendly in everyday life is an important consideration for many people and companies in the United States today. At Inteplast Group’s Integrated Bagging Systems (IBS) division, environmental concern is a top priority. With the InteGreen™ product line of compostable and oxo-biodegradable can liners and T-shirt bags, Inteplast shows its commitment to being green.

InteGreen™ OXO can liners and bags are designed to degrade up to 10 times faster than standard plastic bags when exposed to sunlight and other natural elements. During the manufacturing process, an environmentally-safe additive is included, which enables the plastic to degrade much faster—within 18-24 months instead of the 20 years expected from a typical plastic bag. This additive can be included in other IBS plastic products, as well. Inteplast’s oxo-biodegradable bags are tested and proven to degrade and biodegrade, and are non eco-toxic in accordance with ASTM D6954-04.

The oxo-biodegradable bags have the same performance as their standard counterparts, and can still be recycled, but their quicker break-down speed helps reduce landfill bulk and contribute to a cleaner landscape. In landfills, oxo-biodegradable products like InteGreen™ more readily break down during the aerated compacting process, taking up less space. These bags will also break down in the natural environment, reducing the number of “rogue” plastic bags that litter the landscape.

Inteplast is committed not only to offering green plastics, but making them a practical choice for customers. “We are dedicated to engineering green solutions that are cost-neutral,” said Dan Martens, Sales Manager at IBS. “Our customers have the option of an oxo-biodegradable alternative, offering the same performance as a typical plastic bag, without a significant cost increase.

“This is technology that helps our environment and the planet. People ask, ‘What can we do to help our environment right now?’ InteGreen™ oxo-biodegradable plastics are available, and can help all of us be a little greener.”

### **About Integrated Bagging Systems – A World of Bags**

A division of Inteplast Group, Integrated Bagging Systems (IBS) has manufacturing facilities in Texas, Massachusetts, Canada and Asia. IBS offers customers a complete array of plastic products including can liners, food service bags, gloves and supplies, retail and grocery bags, and janitorial and industrial supplies.

IBS is committed to green initiatives with its InteGreen™ line of products, including compostable bags, oxo-biodegradable bags and reusable bags. The IBS division is EPR accredited; receiving the industry Seal of Approval for maintaining environmentally-sensitive production facilities in resin pallet control, water-based ink, and reclaim reutilization and control. For more information, visit <http://www.inteplast.com/ibs>.

### **About Inteplast Group**

Founded in 1991, Inteplast Group is the largest manufacturer of integrated plastics in North America,

offering a wide variety of quality products. Headquartered in Livingston, New Jersey, Inteplast Group maintains three divisions—AmTopp, Integrated Bagging Systems (IBS) and World-Pak—covering a full range of customer needs. The company provides biaxially oriented polypropylene (BOPP) and stretch-wrap films; plastic concentrates and compounds; grocery, merchandise, and garment bags; trash can liners and institutional products; fluted and corrugated-plastic sheets; XF cross-laminated films; and the TUF board® line of synthetic wood products.

Inteplast's 700-acre manufacturing facility in Lolita, Texas is supported with the most innovative technology available. State-of-the-art plants have been developed at the site, which are the largest of their kind in the world. Combined capacity of these plants exceeds one billion pounds of finished goods annually. The Lolita site has achieved ISO 9001: 2008 Certification, the international stamp of quality. Visit <http://www.inteplast.com> for more information.

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