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### **Polymer Solutions International Wins Watercoolers Europe's Aqua Award for Best Product Innovation**

*ProStack® Double Leg Ratchet Pallet design selected as breakthrough  
concept for superior strength, product protection*

MEDFORD, NEW JERSEY, USA (October 18, 2011) – On Wednesday, September 21, 2011 Polymer Solutions International Inc. received the “Best Product Innovation” Aqua Award for the innovative design of its ProStack® Double Leg Ratchet Pallet. The award was accepted on behalf of Polymer Solutions International by Craig Scott, the company’s Managing Director of International Sales.

Given annually, the Aqua Awards are presented by Watercoolers Europe (WE), previously known as the European Bottle Water Association (EBWA). The award was given during WE/EBWA’s 17<sup>th</sup> annual convention and trade fair, Water Show 2011, held this year in Odessa, Ukraine.

The Aqua Award’s selection committee found the pallet’s telescoping double leg design to be a breakthrough concept, as it produces superior strength and damage protection to both the pallet and the bottled water products stored and transported on it. The pallet is an integral component of the ProStack PS4 bottled water rack modules.

“Since 95% of damage to modular plastic bottled water racks is typically caused by forklifts and pallet jacks as they interface with the pallet, using the complete ProStack system provides total bottle protection. Further, the pallet makes bottled water rack stacking faster and safer,” explains Dan Kelly, President and CEO of Polymer Solutions International.

Featuring a series of interlocking “teeth,” the pallet’s telescoping double legs interlock via ratchet-style construction that secures the top deck to the base. This yields a connection three times stronger than welded or snap pallet construction designs, forming nearly 1 centimeter (0.5 inches) of damage protection, two to three times thicker than that of traditional, single leg pallets.

With enhanced strength and rigidity engineered into the legs, the pallet offers superior resistance to potential damage caused by forklift and pallet jack impacts. Additionally, the pallet’s bottom deck is designed to prevent damage caused by pallet jack over-pumping.

In its choice of the pallet to win the Aqua Award, the selection committee also cited the pallet’s gas-assisted molding process, which yields a super smooth finish, superior stiffness and outstanding impact properties, as well as its hygienic design that resists bacteria, mold and other contaminants with an open-grid top deck that is easy to clean and inspect.

“Polymer Solutions International is honored to be recognized by WE/EBWA for our company’s focus on designing and manufacturing a better bottled water handling system,” said Scott.

For more information, please call please call (877) 444-7225 or visit the Polymer Solutions International website at [www.prostackpallets.com](http://www.prostackpallets.com).

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#### **About Polymer Solutions International, Inc.**

Founded in 1997, Polymer Solutions International is a global manufacturer of ProStack® and TierStack® bottled water racks which are ideal for manual and robotic loading. Their design reduces bottle leakers and extends bottle life, as well as offers increased payload flexibility and improved plant efficiency. Additionally, the company manufactures a wide variety of FM-approved fire retardant reusable plastic pallets and racks, including export pallets (one-way), nestable, stackable pallets, rackable pallets, and custom pallets. Made from 100% recyclable, FDA-approved materials, the company’s products are ideal for pharmaceutical, general industry, food, beverage and warehousing applications. For more information, visit [www.prostack.com](http://www.prostack.com).

#### **About Watercoolers Europe (formerly the European Bottle Water Association)**

WE/EBWA is a non-profit, non-governmental international organization that aims to serve as the authoritative source for all information concerning the watercooler industry and its use of all denominations of bottled water; facilitate the exchange of technical, scientific and regulatory information; define, promote and maintain the highest standards of quality and hygiene through self-regulatory instruments; promote ethical, professional and legal practices; work with national and European government agencies and regulatory bodies; and co-operate and discuss areas of mutual interest with other industries, organizations and associations. For more information, visit [www.we2011.eu](http://www.we2011.eu).