**PRESS RELEASE**

**Freudenberg expands capacities in Taiwan**

**Weinheim, 22 March 2018. Freudenberg Far Eastern Spunweb Co. Ltd., a Freudenberg Performance Materials and Far Eastern Group, is planning to build an additional production line at the Tayuan Tao-Yuan site in Taiwan. This expansion of capacity will enable the company to meet growing demand in the traditional automotive and carpet markets of Asia.**

With the new production line, Freudenberg will increase annual production of nonwovens in Tayuan Tao-Yuan by around 11,000 metric tons. “The expansion of our capabilities underscores our long-term commitment to Asia. We want to continue to support our customers in the automotive and carpet markets with innovative and sustainable solutions that will help them grow”, commented Dr. Frank Heislitz, designated CEO of Freudenberg Performance Materials. Freudenberg currently supplies these two markets in Asia with primary and secondary carrier materials for automotive carpet moldings and inlay mats, as well as dry running mats, carpets and carpet tiles. The high-performance materials are easy to form and thus contribute to economical processing. In addition, their high dimensional stability ensures a precise fit and they are extremely durable.

This capacity expansion will also enable Freudenberg to develop the company’s regional position. “Asia is a very important market for us as a global player. Through our technologically leading solutions, we want to continue to grow with our customers in this region and at the same time make a significant technological contribution to their success”, said Lin Gow Ming, President of Freudenberg Far Eastern Spunweb Co. Ltd. Construction of the new production line is expected to be completed in 2020.

**About Freudenberg Far Eastern Spunweb Co. Ltd.**

Freudenberg Far Eastern Spunweb Co. Ltd. was founded in 1987 as a joint venture between the Freudenberg Group, the Far Eastern Group and the Japan Vilene Corporation. Today, the company employs around 120 people and produces polyester spunlaid nonwovens for the automotive, interior design, footwear, filter, roof, geotextile, furniture and agriculture markets. Freudenberg Far Eastern Spunweb Co. Ltd. sells its products in Asia and has sales offices in Japan and China as well as distributors in other Asia-Pacific countries.

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About Freudenberg Performance Materials

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