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Axalta's 2020 Global Automotive Color of the Year *Sea Glass* Makes a Splash with Electrifying Chroma

- *Sea Glass Sets the Trend for 2020 with Energy and Shimmer and has Reflective and Transmissive Properties Measurable by Autonomous Vehicle Detection Systems*

Glen Mills, PA, USA – 7 January 2020 – Axalta (NYSE: AXTA) makes a splash today with its 2020 Global Automotive Color of the Year *Sea Glass*. This modern turquoise blue shimmers and sets the trend as a fresh new colour for all vehicle types.

Inspired by nature's waterways and oceans, Axalta's *Sea Glass* has depth and intense colour as it glitters in sunlight, making it a colour that consumers want and one that will be noticed by motorists around the world.

Axalta's 2019 [Global Automotive Color Popularity Report](#) reported that blue vehicles are seven percent of the global automotive market, fifth overall following white, black, grey and silver. Regions with the highest level of blue vehicles are North America and Europe at ten percent. "The trend toward turquoise blues is growing," said Nancy Lockhart, Axalta Global Product Manager - Colour. "*Sea Glass* was designed for all vehicle types, from compact and sport vehicles to medium sedans and large SUVs and trucks."

More than just beautiful and trendy, *Sea Glass* is formulated with reflective properties and is highly detectable by Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) systems. “Bright and pearlescent, *Sea Glass* is designed to be transmissible for Radio Detection And Ranging (RADAR), meeting the colour trends of today for the autonomous vehicles of tomorrow,” commented Lockhart. “The transmission properties of Axalta’s *Sea Glass*, as well as many other colours in our expansive colour portfolio, allow vehicle-to-vehicle detection to occur.”

Dan Benton, Axalta Marketing Manager North America – Colour, said, “*Sea Glass* is ready for the market now. Formulations for this versatile colour are available in our global waterborne technologies, and we are ready for customers who are actively looking for the next trend in colour.” Axalta’s industry-leading brands, including Cromax, Standox and Spies Hecker will allow painters to apply *Sea Glass* easily on their next project.

Axalta is a leader in waterborne products that are easy to apply, deliver outstanding adhesion and variable gloss levels, and dry quickly with good flexibility, low levels of toxicity and flammability, making them an environmentally responsible choice for any business.

Lockhart said, “*Sea Glass* reminds us of fresh water and ecology, and it aligns nicely with our corporate social responsibility platform of environmental stewardship. Axalta employees are inspired and motivated to help keep our waterways clean, to lower energy and to decrease water usage at our facilities around the globe.” In conjunction with the release of the 2020 Automotive Color of the Year and aligned with its CSR platform, Axalta will help to remove more than 450 kilos of waste from our oceans.

Committed to environmental stewardship around the globe through its Bright Futures programme, Axalta has helped to conserve more than 13,000 acres of wetlands through its partnership with Ducks Unlimited in North America and Ducks Unlimited in Mexico; planted more than 30,000 trees in Inner Mongolia and Hebei Province with the China Mother River Protection Program in partnership with the China Youth Development Foundation; partnered with the S.M. Sehgal Foundation in India to construct three ponds totalling 30-million-litre capacity in the drought-ridden Bhooriya Baas village in the Alwar district and participated in multiple other conservation and environmental stewardship programmes around the world.

For more information about Axalta's sustainability and the Axalta Bright Futures corporate social responsibility platform and goals, [click here](#).

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