

News Release

BASF's innovative polyurethane solution Haptex® makes NIO's car seat cover safer and more comfortable

- **Synthetic leather by Greentech coated with BASF's Haptex® solution made without organic solvents meets stringent VOC standards**
- **High-performance BASF material provides excellent haptics to give car seating a luxurious look and feel**

Shanghai, China – June 8, 2020 – NIO, a leading new energy vehicle company, has upgraded with enhanced seat covers made of BASF's Haptex® material, the first polyurethane (PU) solution made without the use of organic solvents. It helps reduce emission and thus odors, thereby improving the interior air quality of cars. With its excellent haptics, Haptex also helps enhance the look and feel of seatings for NIO.

“Unlike conventional coated fabrics, Haptex significantly simplifies and speeds up the production process of synthetic leather as organic solvents are no longer needed. This helps carmakers meet the increasingly stringent emission standards, especially for car interior applications, such as seat covers,” said Hongbo Li, General Manager, Greentech.

Haptex features outstanding mechanical properties, such as excellent peeling strength, durability, abrasion resistance, and hydrolysis resistance, even at temperatures as low as -30°C.

“The use of Haptex in NIO is the result of a close collaboration between our customers and partners. With our expertise and competence beyond materials

innovation, we will continue to meet customers' specific needs and stringent emission regulations," said Desmond Long, Vice President, Business Management Transportation, Performance Materials Asia Pacific, BASF.

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