

## **International Thermoset Molding Compound Pioneer Dies**

Chemiplastica founder and Chairman Emeritus Uberto Colombo passed away Saturday, September 24, 2011.

Born June 19, 1919, in Milan, Italy, Mr. Colombo earned a law degree from the University of Pavia and prior to entering the thermoset industry was active in the management of his family's Milan-based precious metals trading business. Before starting Chemiplastica in 1955, Mr. Colombo was an active partner in establishing Sprea of Milano Italy, a producer of plastic molding compounds.

Survivors include his wife, Maria Luisa, four grandchildren, son Ugo, and son Claudio, Chemiplastica's current CEO.

"Under our father's leadership, Chemiplastica expanded numerous times, in each instance with a strong focus on technology and international trade," said Claudio Colombo.

The current CEO joined Chemiplastica in 1989 as a member of the company's Board, to work on globally expanding the business and establishing manufacturing facilities outside of Italy.

Mr. Uberto Colombo gradually withdrew from active management of Chemiplastica until 2005, when Mr. Colombo officially retired and took the title of Chairman Emeritus.