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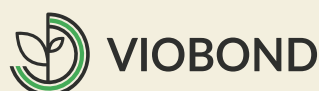
For decades GOVI has been a dedicated and loyal partner for the wood-based panels industry providing a broad range of innovative and high-performing IMPERMAX® paraffin wax emulsions. Besides, GOVINYL® colorant dispersions is a growing additional product range offer. In close cooperation with our customers, GOVI develops customised solutions. GOVI can supply you with an innovative, sustainable and non-fossil biobased emulsion: IMPERMAX® BIO for PB, MDF/HDF and OSB. Next to the panels market, GOVI is also a solid partner for engineered process chemicals in many other markets such as construction, printing, paper, insulation, personal care, rubber and textile.

The company operates from five production sites: two in Belgium (Ghent & Drongen), one in Serbia, Malaysia and Turkey and an agile technical support team is at your service. GOVI, founded in 1910, is a reliable supplier for board manufacturers, known for its stable high-quality products and its high level of support, reactivity and flexibility.



AFRY Management Consulting is part of the AFRY Group which provides engineering, design, digital and advisory services to accelerate the transition towards a sustainable society. We are 19,000 devoted experts in industry, energy and infrastructure sectors, creating impact for generations to come. AFRY has Nordic roots with a global reach, net sales of 27 BSEK and is listed on Nasdaq Stockholm.

AFRY Management Consulting is the leading strategic advisor in the Energy and Bioindustry sector employing more than 700 skilled experts. In Wood Products we focus on strategic engagements along the wood-based panel and surfacing material value chain. AMC services include among others market analysis, feasibility studies, due diligence, investment monitoring, replacement cost valuations, scenario planning, operational services and corporate and product strategy.



The VIOBOND consortium aims to take essential commercialization steps based on the natural wood component lignin, creating industrial technologies to significantly reduce the share of fossil raw materials in phenol formaldehyde resin, which is widely used in various everyday products.

Under the auspices of the VIOBOND project, a first-of-its-kind flagship plant producing industrial-scale lignin phenol-formaldehyde (LPF) resins will be built in Latvia during the next five years. Production capacity of environmentally friendly resin will reach 45,000 tons per year and renewable lignin will replace over a third of the fossil materials used traditionally. Consortium members will use the new resin for plywood manufacturing and coating, sandpaper adhesive and glass wool thermal insulation binder.

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As a technology provider for machinery and equipment, casting and nuclear technology the Siempelkamp group has an international footprint. We are a system supplier of press lines and complete plants for the wood-based panel industry, metal forming, as well as the composites and rubber industries. With one of the world's largest hand-moulding foundries, we manufacture large cast parts at our Krefeld location; these have a total unit weight of up to 320 T. We also provide transport and storage containers for radioactive waste, and specialise in the dismantling of nuclear plants. The wood-based panel industry forms one of our central markets and our core competence. We cover the entire production process for wood-based panels – from round log and raw material handling up to storage and handling solutions for the finished wood-based panels as well as new approaches of machine learning. We provide our customers with comprehensive after sales & service throughout the entire life cycle of their plant.



PREFERE RESINS is a leader in the production of individual and technically innovative phenolic and amino resins. We are a global player with local power. Your global partner for phenolic, amino resins as well as high-quality derivatives based on methanol-(C1)-chemistry. In addition to proven standards, we also produce and develop customised resins for your application. And thanks to our worldwide production sites, we can do this on-time and reliably.

Benefit from our experience, our values, and our ambition to always be one step ahead of the market. In our modern development laboratories and production facilities, we develop and manufacture application-optimised, innovative, and sustainable products and formulations for our customers. Our strong presence in Europe and our branches in America and Asia guarantee excellent logistics and technical support on-site, worldwide.



Formed from the heritage of Coveright Surfaces Germany, Dynea Finland and Kotkamills Malaysia, surfactor has been supplying the international woodworking industry for over 80 years.

Based on the chemical development expertise and in-house manufactured specialty papers, surfactor provides customised solutions for all types of technical surfaces for the woodworking industry. Their experts have a combined experience with natural wood and chemical raw materials. For them, these differences are not a contradiction, but a perfect combination. Surfactor creates new materials with new properties for a wide range of applications, inspired by ever-changing needs. A clear commitment to both innovation and tradition has enabled surfactor to become the leading supplier of technical surfaces for engineered wood in Europe and many parts of the world.