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RE: Norner continues the growth and success

Norner had a very good result in 2019 and the good trend continues in 2020 despite difficulties related to the Corona pandemic. This has made it possible and necessary to hire 16 new researchers and engineers so far in 2020.

Norner is a global market leader for industrial R&D services in polymers and is currently based in Bamble, Norway. In the autumn of 2021, we will move to a completely new «Polymer Exploration Centre» in Porsgrunn. It will be a state-of-the-art international research and technology centre for the plastics industry and offer research services throughout the plastics value chain. This will give our employees better working conditions in general and better facilities for performing demanding R&D assignments.

We have hired 16 new researchers and engineers so far in 2020 for our technology centre. Everyone brings with them highly relevant knowledge and experiences from exciting companies and disciplines that will contribute to Norner becoming even better at developing new technology and sustainable plastic solutions.

The laboratory capacity and capability has hereby increased in fields like polymer analysis, mechanical testing and plastic processing. In addition, we have increased our research capacity in several critical areas such as polymer production, additives and characterisation, as well as plastic applications and circular economy.

«This week, Norner celebrates 13 years as a company. The result for the first half of 2020 is the best in Norner's history, and we have a solid project portfolio. We are impressed by our large number of customers who continue to focus on development and innovation even in a pandemic situation. This has given us an opportunity to strengthen our organization over the past years and I am especially pleased that we have brought in very talented new employees who I am sure will contribute positively both professionally and socially in Norner », says Kjetil Larsen, CEO in Norner.

In 2019, Norner became part owner of the new catapult centre, Future Materials, which is a national development and pilot test centre for materials. The centre will facilitate and help companies with new products from idea phase to pilot phase so that these can be more easily scaled up to industrial production and market. This has given Norner a new dimension in that we are part of an important national initiative and partner with other exciting technology environments.

We have seen an increase in inquiries and projects related to plastic recycling and the use of recycled plastics, especially related to packaging, and have a very interesting customer and project portfolio in this important area.

"The use of plastics is constantly being challenged and we must develop more sustainable solutions for the environment. This is also highly focused by the industry, which needs help with both projects and testing from us in order to achieve their high goals. ", says Ole Jan Myhre, marketing manager at Norner.

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About Norner

Norner is a Global market leader of industrial polymer R&D services based in Norway where we operate an advanced technology centre for development and testing. We strive to fulfil our vision of being the Polymer Explorers for our clients through a full service-portfolio of R&D, laboratory and strategic advisory based on 40 years of industrial experience. Our key customer segments are petrochemicals, oil and gas, packaging, building and infrastructure and green technology. We contribute to increased profitability and improved sustainability for our clients.

Attachment: photo of our CEO, Kjetil Larsen



Photo of COE Kjetil Larsen together with new employees (12 of 16)



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