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RE: Norner strengthen their advanced polymerization development through partnership with HTEExplore

Norner and HTEExplore join forces to offer a highly integrated and streamlined workflow for industrial catalyst- and polymer development services ranging from milli- to kilogram scale to catalyst manufacturers, polymer producers and other industries.

HTEExplore is an Italian based high-tech company located in Naples, founded in 2012 by Professor Vincenzo Busico, specialised in catalyst High Throughput Screening (HTS) for polyolefin synthesis. HTEExplore operates an HTS laboratory allowing rapid screening and reliable optimization of large catalyst recipe arrays also including advanced characterisation of the micro-scale polymer samples. They have considerable experience working with industry and is taking advantage of a long-term academic tradition directly linked to the school of Giulio Natta.

Norner is a Norwegian based technology company providing a full service portfolio in the plastics value chain from polymer synthesis to processing and end use innovations. Norner has 40+ years of industrial experience and is operating advanced polymerization pilot facilities where polymer samples at kilogram scale are produced in industrial relevant conditions to simulate all relevant commercial processes. These sample amounts allow application relevant polymer development, testing and verification in Norner's pilot processing equipment.

“Our capabilities and facilities are very complementary to HTEExplore’s. We are now in the position to provide a complete service offering for polymerization development ranging mg to kg scale. We are very excited to develop the synergies between our companies further for the benefit of our industrial clients.”, says Klaus Schöffel, VP R&D of Norner.

“Norner is well recognised in the polymer industry for their broad services and innovation in catalyst, polymer and application development. This partnership bridges the gap between our high throughput screening and Norner’s application development of the same polymers.”, Says Luca Rongo, General Manager at HTEExplore.

Since the start, Norner has delivered development projects based on our polymerisation and application development capabilities to many clients in the global polymer industry. The project portfolio covers a broad scope of catalysts and processes and have benefited from the industrial know how and application-oriented test centre. They strive to expand the offering and relevance to the industry and the new partnership with HTEExplore is as such an important step.

“We strongly believe that the industrial R&D experience of Norner combined with the scientific expertise of HTEExplore will create significant value to our clients. By unifying the two workflows we will provide our clients with the best of two worlds.”, says Kjetil Larsen CEO of Norner.

With best regards
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About Norner

Norner AS 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, renewable energy, packaging, building and infrastructure and green technology. We contribute to increased profitability and improved sustainability for our clients.

About HTEExplore

HTEExplore s.r.l. is a leading provider of High Throughput Experimentation (HTE) services in organometallic catalysis, with special focus on the HTE fine-tuning and optimization of olefin polymerization catalysts and processes. They are located in Naples, Italy where they operate an advanced laboratory including catalyst testing and polymer characterisation. HTEExplore is a Spin-off of the Federico II University of Naples (Italy).



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Attachment: photo of our CEO, Kjetil Larsen



Picture: Polymerisation pilot at Norner



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