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**RE: Partnership between Norner Innovation and Exova**

We have the pleasure to inform that Exova and Norner Innovation have entered into a cooperation agreement within the pipe applications segment. This partnership will strengthen the ability for both companies to supply more comprehensive competence and services to their customers in plastic pipes and systems.

Exova is a global provider of laboratory testing, advising and assuring services to many of the world's most innovative companies. From aerospace to automotive, pharmaceuticals to polymers and food to fire safety, Exova ensures that customers' products and services meet the requirements for quality, safety and performance through our testing services.

Norner Innovation is an international and independent plastics institute. Norner engages in product development, research projects, quality assurance, durability testing, failure analysis and consulting through the whole plastics value chain. The labs include advanced test facilities and process pilots with ISO 9001 approval and Achilles qualification.

Exova and Norner will both have significant benefits from the extended cooperation since competencies and facilities are complementary to each other. Both have an international customer portfolio within similar market segments. "We can now carry out third party pipe and material testing, material investigations, development projects and quality evaluations - with ISO 17025 accreditation when needed", says Tine Rørvik, managing Director of Norner

Exova have used Norner Innovation as a project resource and plastics technology centre over some time and would like to take this cooperation further. "Norner has a very strong competence in plastics and polymer materials including their properties, compositions and durability", Says Gunnar Oksefjell, General Manager, Northern Europe at Exova. "Their wide range of test facilities has high quality and we are impressed by the capabilities in failure analysis by microscopy"

"Our customers in plastic piping systems and materials will benefit significantly from the extended possibilities in pipe testing and quality assurance", says Henning Baann, Laboratory Manager at Norner. "The complete offer will be a valuable and efficient way of improving the business for our clients.

With best regards  
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