Sustainable Materials –Crucial for Recycling and Circular Economy

# The Role of Specialty Chemistry for Circularity and Sustainable Materials

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## **Evonik: A clear structure, focused on our core markets – 2021**





2 | 2022 | Enabling sustainable plastic applications

## Who we are Evonik Group in Japan at a glance





## **Locations** Proximity to markets





## With our specialties we enable to reduce the consumption of resources





# **Circular Economy Action Plan: comprehensive approach to decoupling economic growth from resource use**



#### The CEAP as main building block of the EU Green Deal focuses on KEY PRODUCT VALUE CHAINS

- Electronics
- Batteries & vehicles
- Packaging
- Plastics
- Textiles
- Construction & buildings
- Food, water & nutrients



plastics related topics covered by Circular Plastics Alliance (CPA)

# **Circular Economy in Japan: Started as environmental activity, then transferring to important piece for sustainable economical growth**





Fundamental Plan is a basis of specific strategy/ vision of circular economy for concrete measures

- Resource Circulation Strategy for Plastics (2019)
  - Reduce one-way package/ product
  - Develop and use plastic alternative
  - Strengthen DfE (design for environment)
  - Stimulate bioplastic usage
  - Measure against marine plastics
- Circular Economy Vision (2020)
  - Involve all players from market, society industries and investors with their own role and function
- Specific measures
  - Act on Promotion of Resource Recycling related to Plastic (2021)
  - Bioplastic Introduce Roadmap (2021)
  - Disclosure & Dialogue Guidance for Promoting Sustainable Finance (2021)



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<sup>1</sup> Sources McK: How plastics-waste recycling could transform the chemical industry; Plastics Europe 2021



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Sources: Plastic Waste Management Institute <u>https://www.pwmi.or.jp/data.php?p=panf</u>, Ministry of the Environment Government of Japan <u>https://plastic-circulation.env.go.jp/about/senryaku</u>



"Resource Circulation Strategy for Plastics" formulated on 31. May 2019 set Milestones for Reuse/Recycle:

- Achieve design for plastic packaging and containers to be reusable and recyclable by 2025
- 60% rate of reusing/recycling for packaging and containers by 2030
- 100% effective utilization of used plastics by 2035



## Evonik provides solutions along the entire Circular Plastics Value Chain. With our Specialties we help our clients to keep plastic in the loop.





## **Circular Plastic Solutions are strongly driven by Consumers pull**





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# The most sustainable way of managing waste? Avoid it !



# ENHANCING LIFETIME

HIGHEST PERFORMANCE AND DURABILITY WITH TOUGHENERS

**BEST WEATHERING RESISTANCE** WITH ALIPHATIC CROSSLINKERS



## Avoiding waste is not always possible – and here we need to take care of it



WE PROVIDE SOLUTIONS TO ENABLE SUSTAINABLE **PLASTIC** APPLICATIONS AT COMPETITIVE COSTS AND QUALITY



# MECHANICAL AND CHEMICAL **RECYCLING** & RUBBER RECYCLING

- Providing technologies and services to recover valuable resources from disposed materials
- Additives for performance upgrade
- Additives, catalysts & expertise for efficient processing





# No product is so perfect that it has not once to be recycled.





# **Mechanical Recycling:** Our additives help along the entire process to convert plastic waste into plastic goods



## **Mechanical Recycling**



#### **For Recyclers**

- Additives in separation / washing steps make recycling processes more efficient
- Additives and odor absorbers directly increase the quality and yields of recyclates for upcycling purposes

#### For Compounders

 Additives to improve processing and polymer properties leading to competitive costs and quality, and enabling higher recycled contents



# End-of-Life Tire recycling: VESTENAMER technology to enable multiple circular rubber applications





## Recycling of Mattresses A great approach towards Circularity



1: Source: Federal Association secondary raw materials

## Partnering along the value chain is key to closing the loop



## BMW ecosystem "Future Sustainable Car Materials"

- Identifying jointly hurdles & limitations
- Developing solutions jointly
- Meeting future mandatory recycled contents











## With our membrane technology, we significantly contribute to the transition to a sustainable gas economy

- 1. Raw biogas from organic waste is converted into **sustainable biomethane** and "green" CO<sub>2</sub>
- 2. Our hydrogen extraction membranes enable to use existing natural gas pipelines to transport and extract green hydrogen

In the **production of synthetic biomethane** from CO<sub>2</sub> and green hydrogen, we ensure efficient product separation

3. With our anion exchange membrane DURAION<sup>®</sup>, we contribute to the **breakthrough of electrolytic production of green hydrogen** in the future





## **EVONIK Provide tailored product ex AKO plant to GPF Market**



## Exhaust gas regulations are becoming increasingly strict worldwide!

EURO 6 and China 6 regulations make the new generation of particulate filters indispensable.



# Evonik provides new high-performance insulation granules for "Insulation/ Condensation/ Thermobreak and Safe Touch" coatings

### **Traditional insulation**

 Insulation found in most plant operations:

Mineral fiber blanket, closed cell foam, calcium silicate, polyurethane foam, perlite, ceramic fiber, fiberglass, cellular glass



### New generation of thermal insulation coatings

- Today high performance insulating coatings use micro-sized material that minimizes the transfer of heat.
- The material act as an effective thin insulator up to 250°C.



### **TEGO®** Therm HPG



### Super insulating

- A specially engineered material with a microporous structure
- Low thermal conductivity



## Fire resistant

- Purely mineral product based on silicon dioxide (SiO<sub>2</sub>)
- Non-combustible



### Hydrophobic core

- Vapor diffusion open
- No liquid water conductivity





# EVONIK ENABLES THE TRANSITION from a linear to a circular



economy

