



**Dynea press release  
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## **Dynea celebrates a century of phenolic resin production in Erkner**

Dynea Erkner GmbH, located in Germany, just southeast of Berlin, celebrates one hundred years of phenolic resin production this week.

Production of phenolic resin began in Erkner in 1909, only a few years after Belgian chemist Dr Leo Baekeland's "Pressure and Heat" patent provided the basics for the utilisation of phenolic resins on the industrial scale.

Product development work at the Erkner plant contributed to the growing number of applications made with phenolic resins. Combining properties such as dimensional stability, high strength, and superior resistance to heat and chemicals – all at reasonable costs – phenolic resins have found wide usage in a variety of applications.

Dynea is today a global leader in phenolic resins and offers its state-of-the-art phenolic resins know-how to customers manufacturing such diverse products as insulation materials, abrasives, friction materials, foundry industry products, and impregnated papers. Phenolic resins are also used by the aerospace industry.

"For one hundred years generation after generation of Dynea Erkner chemists and engineers have studied phenolic resins and developed innovative solutions to meet the evolving needs of a continuously changing world," says Mr **Roger Carlstedt**, President and CEO of Dynea. "Dynea's ambition is to continue to on that same path. Our customers face new challenges daily. Working together with them to create the ideal balance of technology and service we deliver the most cost effective solutions, wherever our customers need them."

Dynea Erkner continues to focus on phenolic resins and is one of Dynea's key Product Development and Application Centres for insulation as well as the automotive and engineering applications. The site produces some 70,000 tonnes of resins annually and employs 120 persons.

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### **Dynea in brief**

Dynea is a leading provider of adhesion and surfacing solutions with a turnover of 879 million Euros in 2008. Dynea has some 40 production units in 22 countries in Europe, the Asia Pacific region and South America and employs 2,200 persons. Dynea is controlled by the European private equity firm IK Investment Partners' 1997 and 2000 funds. For further information, please visit [www.dynea.com](http://www.dynea.com).