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## Porcher Industries at JEC 2019 Preview

Porcher Industries, a leader in technical textiles and thermoplastic composite solutions with a global platform delivering unique chemistries and innovations will confirm its ambitious 2019 plans for R&D and new technologies during JEC World 2019

Following a successful 2-year period focused on expansion and investment in global plants, technologies and systems, 2019 will see Porcher Industries focus on innovation, delivering the latest textile and chemical solutions.

### New Global Head of R&D and New Centres of Excellence

Porcher Industries will announce Jean-Marc Senecot as the new Global Head of R&D for the Porcher Industries group.

Taking a global responsibility for innovation and new technology across the group, Jean-Marc will lead the successful delivery of all new product development and technology projects – typically managing more than 90 projects per year.

Innovation will be based on 3 pillars that form the core of Porcher Industries strength.

- Lightweighting: R&D activities on TP high performance matrices resulting in successes such as the first TP C/PEEK primary part for the Airbus helicopter rotor, the lightest fabrics for paragliding and lightweight composites for automotive using polypreg fabrics.

- Safety: through our dry fiber product adding toughness properties in composites, developing new generation of RCY (rubber coating yarn) for time and transmission belt, Automotive airbags and environmentally friendly products such as GreenLite.
- Recycling through life cycle analysis: For example, the improvement of life cycles of glass fabrics by utilizing waste in exhaust applications and the ADEM project which to give a second life on TP/C scraps.

The commitment is also highlighted by including R&D centers in key global sites including:

- The new Chinese Zheigang Plant. Inaugurated in 2018, this site is dedicated initially to the manufacture of technical textiles for the local automotive market, closely followed by the aerospace and industrial sectors. This new Chinese production facility with a cash investment of \$50 million boasts state of the art technology.
- In the US, a brand new, 7 million USD purpose-built facility in Dansville, Virginia that will open 65 key positions, many of whom will work collaboratively with the France-based R&D Centre to build on the many patents already held.
- And throughout 2019 and 2020, a new Centre of Excellence will be created in Saint Julien en Saint Alban, through the merging of the two existing sites of La Voulte and Saint Julien en Saint Alban. This new CoE will showcase Porcher Industries' specific technology and expertise for Rubber Coated Yarns production and development.

Jean-Marc Senecot, Global Head of R&D and Andre Genton, CEO, will be available during the show to present their views on the future of innovation at Porcher Industries, the marrying of Porcher Industries key fundamentals - Chemistry, Textiles and Yarns - and to provide more information on the new infrastructure

being assembled to support Jean-Marc's new role. Please do contact us for interviews.

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