

Short Interview

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Topics

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The Plastic Films in Mobility conference is being held under the auspices of the SKZ for the first time this year. How is this changing the event?

The conference features in-depth specialist lectures that are not available anywhere else, and also serves as an industry get-together. We are carrying on this tradition of the conference. There will also be a keynote address for the first time this year. Journalist and bestselling author Frank Sieren will talk about the Chinese Silicon Valley and its effects on China and the rest of the world.

Function integration is one of the conference's focal point.

Exactly. Function integration is an additional option for films that has emerged over the last few years. Before that, most films were merely substrates for the decor and color. Now we have the ability to apply added features directly to the film. There are numerous possibilities in this field, supporting further benefits of the technology and making components more economical. That is why this technique is making inroads, both on the interior and the exterior.

What is your personal convention highlight?

Definitely the joint presentation by BMW and Engel on the front module for the BMW iX. Direct insights of the OEMs are always especially exciting. So far, the films are not broadly used on the exterior. Having this technique used in series by BMW is therefore a great success and will surely give the film technology an added boost.

Interview: Florian Streifinger

Pan-European Recycling Platform Is Growing

Anviplas Becomes Part of the Repeats Group

In February 2022 the Repeats (Recycled PE at Scale) Group, a pan-European platform for LDPE recycling, and Anviplas announced, that Repeats has made an investment in the Spanish recycling company. For Repeats this investment in Anviplas represents an important step in building a pan-European plastics recycling platform. Under Repeats' leadership, the company plans to nearly double its production capacity to meet the growing demand for recycled LDPE in Europe. Aleix Vintró will continue to lead the Spanish operations and expansion plans going forward.

have always met our expectations. Even on particularly challenging projects," says Anviplas CEO Aleix Vintró, who took over the business from his father Joan. He highlights the recycling of barrier film as an example, which consists of three different layers of material.

Anviplas customers manufacture a huge bandwidth of products made using their recycled pellets. They range from various film products, such as stretch, shrink, mulch and silage films, to irrigation, corrugated and high-pressure pipes, as well as containers such as tubs,



Aleix Vintró, CEO Anviplas, and Joan Vintró at the Navacles plant. An Intarema 1716 TVEplus from Erema is in operation there. © Erema/Anviplas

The Spanish recycling company Anviplas has been involved in plastics recycling for more than 30 years, during which time it has built up extensive know-how that now benefits customers throughout Europe, in Africa and in Asia. Their cooperation with Erema is almost as long. Since 1991, Anviplas has relied on the technology and service provided by the Austrian recycling machine manufacturer.

"Erema machines have delivered excellent results at our company over all these years. Featuring industry-leading technology, these machines are also easy to use, very reliable, and they

bottles, barrels and crates. All these applications require recycled pellets that meet the highest quality specifications. "That is precisely our strength," says Aleix Vintró. "We produce the highest possible quality recycle, because we want to continue to offer our customers products that optimally meet their needs and open up business opportunities that are cost effective and environmentally sound." That is why Anviplas is currently working intensively on improving the recycling process for complex multilayer materials.

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