

# Bitrez Resin

## Welcome to the Bitrez newsletter

What a fantastic year 2019 has been! It began with Curpahen - our range of innovative phenolic resins - winning the prestigious Queen's Award for Enterprise. Chemicals Northwest crowned us Manufacturer of the Year and we attended a special reception at Buckingham Palace which was hosted by His Royal Highness Charles, Prince of Wales.

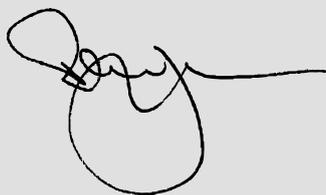
From Wigan we turn to the USA and our appointment of Dr Shahid Quershi - our Technical Specialist for North America. An expert in high performance composites, he's already represented Bitrez at SAMPE in North Carolina and CAMX in California.

Export wise, Bitrez has been selling products in Europe for a number of years. We're now extending our reach across the pond by appointing Georgia-Pacific Chemicals as exclusive distributor of Curaphen in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Finally, Bitrez is hitting the small screen! We're featuring in an ITN documentary in association with the CIA, called 'Chemicals for a better tomorrow' - watch this space for more details!

As always, I'd like to extend my thanks to our loyal customers, excellent suppliers and committed staff, who make Bitrez what it is today - the UK's leading manufacturer of award-winning polymers and specialist synthetic resins.

Yours sincerely



Paul Jones  
Managing Director

## Bitrez celebrates Queen's Award win at AEUK19



Bitrez is celebrating winning the Queen's Award for Enterprise at Advanced Engineering 2019.

Regarded as the UK's most prestigious accolade for business success, the award recognised Bitrez's innovative Curaphen - low free formaldehyde phenolic resins which offer inherent Fire, Smoke and Toxicity values, whilst also meeting the reduced free formaldehyde threshold limits under REACH.

Bitrez manufactures thermoset and bio-based materials, together with catalysts and curing agents supplying the composites, coatings and adhesive sectors for global companies in the aerospace, automotive, defence, energy and oil and gas industries.

This year's show will see Bitrez launch a number of new composites-based resins, including high Tg, REACH compliant and Out of Autoclave systems.

Visit Bitrez at stand J16 at the NEC Birmingham from 30 October until 31 October.

## Georgia Pacific to distribute Bitrez's Curaphen

Bitrez has appointed Georgia-Pacific Chemicals as exclusive distributor for its Curaphen speciality phenolics across the United States, Canada and Mexico. The appointment extends to all but a small group of existing Bitrez customers. Georgia-Pacific Chemicals, a subsidiary of Georgia-Pacific LLC, has decades of experience in coatings and other markets and manufactures its own portfolio of proven phenolic products, including FRP resins, air dry and thermosetting systems, aqueous dispersions for lower VOC as well as crosslinkers for powder coatings.



## Bitrez sponsors Rugby League Ireland 2019



Bitrez is very proud to sponsor the Rugby League Ireland 2019 Student Team. We pride ourselves on supporting our staff; Bradley Sheridan, son of Eddie Sheridan, Bitrez's Warehouse Manager, plays for the team.

## Ketamine epoxy hardeners outperform predecessors

When it comes to searching for the ideal curing agent for epoxy resins, we're all after the holy trinity: long pot-life, reduced hazard and technical enhancement. Bitrez has developed a new range of ketamines that address just this, available as solvent cut or solvent free materials.

Check out Paul Jones, Managing Director at Bitrez Ltd, interview in the European Coatings Journal which examines the new ketamine epoxy hardeners and finds they technically outperform their predecessors - both during and after cure.

[www.bitrez.com/european-coatings-journal](http://www.bitrez.com/european-coatings-journal)

## Bitrez appoints Technical Specialist for North America



Bitrez has expanded its presence in the USA with the appointment of Dr Shahid Qureshi as Technical Specialist for North America. Dr Qureshi has more than 35 years' experience of working within high performance composites, including 27 years as a Senior Research Scientist at Georgia Pacific Chemicals.

With a career that's taken him around the globe, Dr Qureshi has a degree in organic chemistry from Government College University Pakistan, a Post Grad diploma in Polymer Chemistry from Tokyo Institute of Technology in Japan and a PhD in Polymer Science and Engineering from Lehigh University, Pennsylvania USA. To add to these accolades, he has over 15 patents and 10 publications to his name.

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