# Bitrez Resin

### Welcome to the Bitrez newsletter!

We've had a flying start to 2019. March has been particularly busy, seeing us exhibit at the composites focused JEC World in Paris alongside Belgium-based Materia Nova with whom we collaborated on the development of our new thermoset resin range, Curabox.

From France we move to Germany and the European Coatings Show where we're showcasing our resin capabilities to the paints, coatings and adhesives industry. As always, both shows provide us with a great opportunity to meet all our customers both old and new.

Next up, a very big Bitrez welcome to Shahid Qureshi, our new Technical Specialist based in the USA. Shadid is hugely experienced in high performance resins and composites with a career spanning 35 years. Watch this space for more exciting news as we expand our presence across the globe!

Moving on, we understand many of our customers have concerns over Brexit. The beginning of 2019 saw us update you on our plans regarding supply, duty, tariffs and regulatory issues. We will continue to review our position and keep you informed as soon as the UK Government provide more information. In the meantime, please let me reassure you of our continued support and commitment to you.



## Bitrez showcases resin capabilities at European Coatings Show 2019



Bitrez is showcasing its innovative solutions for the paints, coatings and adhesives industry at the European Coatings Show 2019. The company's presence at the show comes hot on the heels of its launch of the world's first REACh (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals) compliant Ketamine epoxy curing agent with extended pot-life and improved surface appearance. Visit Bitrez at Hall 7, Stand 7-335 at the European Coatings Show between 19 - 21 March 2019 in Nuremberg, Germany.

# Launch of flame retardant Benzoxazine thermoset resins



Bitrez has launched a family of flame retardant Benzoxazine thermoset resins called Curabox. With high service temperatures and excellent mechanical and electrical properties, Curabox performs well over prolonged periods in difficult working environments. Its high-performance characteristics and endurance to mechanical and chemical attack, make it extremely suitable for the manufacture of long service composite components. Applications include primary and secondary structures for aerospace, or frames, body panels and structural reinforcements on trains, buses, trucks and cars.

Curabox is the result of a collaboration between Bitrez, Materia Nova and University of Mons.

## **Pushing Chemical Boundaries**

When it comes to ground-breaking chemistry, Bitrez is one of the UK's leading manufacturers supplying world-class companies across the globe.

"Formulating clever chemistry using the skills of our multi-talented research and development team is our life blood. Couple that with our strategy to fill the gap provided by products that have been withdrawn from the market due to regulatory reform and you've got our raison d'être in a nutshell", said Dominic Hopwood, Bitrez's Resin Sales Manager.

Check out Dominic's interview in Polymers, Paint Colour Journal (PPCJ) <a href="http://flickread.com/edition/html/free/5c4e">http://flickread.com/edition/html/free/5c4e</a> <a href="bc06ac19c#43">bc06ac19c#43</a> on how Bitrez is pushing chemical boundaries to provide the paints, coatings and adhesives industries with innovative solutions.

## **Launch of My Bitrez**

Bitrez has launched a new area on it's website to provide customers with more information on it's products and services.

Called My Bitrez, it contains service guides, application overviews, product materiels and grades, as well as data sheets, all of which are available to download. To access My Bitrez requires a login, but you can register easily and it only takes a few moments.

# **Bitrez speaks at Chem UK and Advanced Materials expos**



Bitrez's Resin Manager, Dominic Hopwood, will be speaking at both the Chem UK and Advanced Materials exhibitions this year.

Dominic will discuss the green future of resin chemistry at Chem UK on 1st May, looking specifically at the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACh).

High temp, flame retardant materials will be the topic of Dominic's talk at the Advanced Materials Show during 10-11 July, where he'll discuss how Bitrez's Curabox and Curalok products are pushing chemical boundaries.



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