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A Global Footprint



14,000 employees worldwide

North America

12 major manufacturing facilities
33% of Group sales*
24% of employees

Europe

14 major manufacturing facilities
39% of Group sales*
53% of employees

Rest of World

5 major manufacturing facilities
9% of Group sales*
5% of employees

🜔 China

5 major manufacturing facilities
10% of Group sales*
8% of employees

Rest of Asia

6 major manufacturing facilities
9% of Group sales*
10% of employees

Investing in Science

R&D investment

£ millions



11%

of employees working in R&D

R&D investment at **~ 5 %** of sales*

Global Markets



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Formulation Strategy

1) Many different components are present in our formulations – e.g. actives, binders, polymers, solvents

2) Compatibility is key for successful formulations

- 3) Determine a solvent or solvent mixture suitable for all components
- 4) Determine if the properties such as **particle size**, **shape**, **viscosity** are within the **target** specification for the application



Determining a Suitable Solvent

δD

δΗ

δΡ

particulate materials

3 components:

Hansen solubility parameters are used to determine the

suitability of a solvent for dissolution or dispersion of

Dispersion

Polar

Hydrogen bonding





Particle Sizing – Importance of Solvent Choice



- Select solvent which is most representative of the process
- Compatibility between particulates and medium determines dispersion properties
- Perform 5 replicates at least!

Particle Sizing - Presence of Aggregation



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Particle Shape





Particle Shape Output

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- > > 30 parameters
- Percentiles
- Percentage of particles in a desired range
- Thumbnail images
- Minimise cluster rejection



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Limit fibre width 1-6 microns

Electron Microscopy



- TEM and SEM complements size and shape techniques
- Morphological detail
- Location of components by EDX analysis



The Power of Rheology



Viscoelastic properties!



Additional Techniques

- Surface tension
- Small angle scattering
- Zeta potential
- Thermal analysis



Apply a range of different techniques



Improved technical understanding of your formulation and process

Turning Science into Customer Solutions



Using world class science and technology to solve complex problems for our customers

Thank You! Any Questions?