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## Arkema announces a new regeneration program for high performance polymers

**In partnership with Agiplast, a pioneer in the manufacturing and regeneration of engineering plastic compounds, Arkema's Technical Polymers business announces a new program to recycle high performance polyamides and PVDF fluoropolymers.**

Arkema's new Virtucycle™ recycling program represents a virtuous cycle that enables customers to partner with Arkema in open-loop and closed-loop initiatives for post-industrial and post-consumer recycling projects for its specialty polymers.



The program is completely aligned with the group's commitment to sustainability and social responsibility. Arkema is a global leader in bio-based and long service-life specialty polymers.

In partnership with the worldwide leader in regenerating and compounding partner Agiplast, Arkema works with its customers to create a network of partners on both sides of the supply and demand chain, often from widely different end-use applications.

"Arkema is in the perfect position to play the role of matchmaker in the latest step of our sustainability journey," said Erwoan Pezron, global group President of Arkema's technical polymers business. "We are able to pair companies (on a case-by-case basis) who are looking for a second life for their scraps or end-of-life products with companies who want to source recycled specialty polymers. Agiplast is an ideal partner for us due to their extensive history in regenerating high added value materials for specialty markets."

"The partnership with Arkema and its Virtucycle™ regeneration program are the perfect answer to the specialty polymers users' quest for more sustainable products. We call it Regeneration because this is not just recycling; thanks to our unique know how, our expertise is to recover to a high degree, the original properties of high performance polymers in order to give them a second life," added Frédéric Hepineuze, President of Agiplast group.

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