# Outlook for Formaldehyde and Impact on Methanol Demand



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### Company overview

- Norwegian Corporate
- Sales 950 mill NOK (2014)
- 210 employees
- 3 own production sites \*
- 4 tolling sites 🛛 ★





### Dynea History

Innovation and expansion –Dyno period (1947 – 2000) Milestones:

- 1947: Norske Kunstharpikser (formaldehyde and resins) established in Lillestrøm
- 1971- 1999: Driving force behind growth and internationalization of the chemical activity of Dyno Industrier.

#### **Development of the Dynea Group (2000 – 2013)** Milestones:

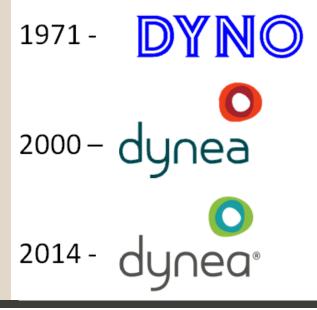
- 2001: Dynea company name and identity launched worldwide
- 2002-2007: Streamlining of business and operations.
- 2007-2014: IK implementing divestment strategy through a split of the Dynea Group, with assets and activities sold in parts.

#### Back to the roots – Independent Dynea period (2013 - ) Some milestones:

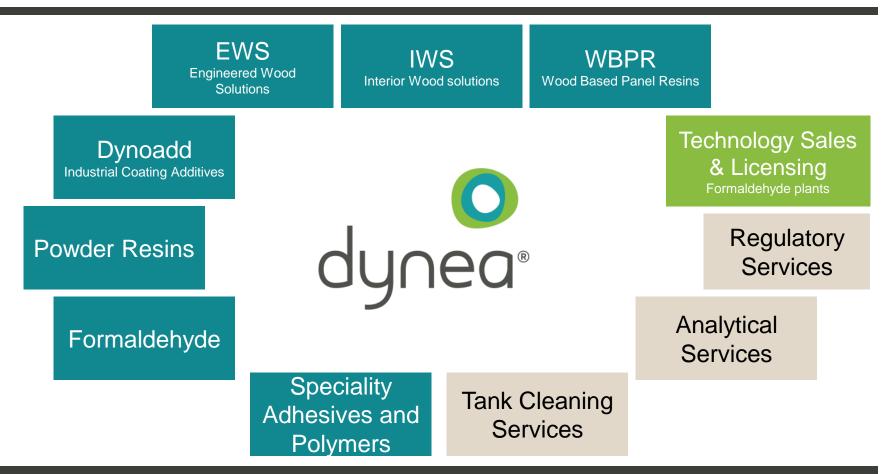
- 2013: Acquisition by Eltek Holding,
- 2014: Full ownership of and rights to the Dynea name

### 1947 - Norske Kunstharpikser

### 1952 – Gullaug Kjemiske Fabrikker







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### **Technology Sales & Licensing**

# • Silver Catalyst Formaldehyde technology (FASIL) for new plants and revamps.

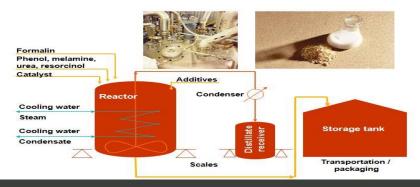
- License and Engineering
- Proprietary equipment & Catalyst
- · Commissioning and Start-up services.

• Metal Oxide Formaldehyde technology (METOX) for revamp and upgrade.

• Resin Batch Reactors for the production of UF, MF, MUF and PF

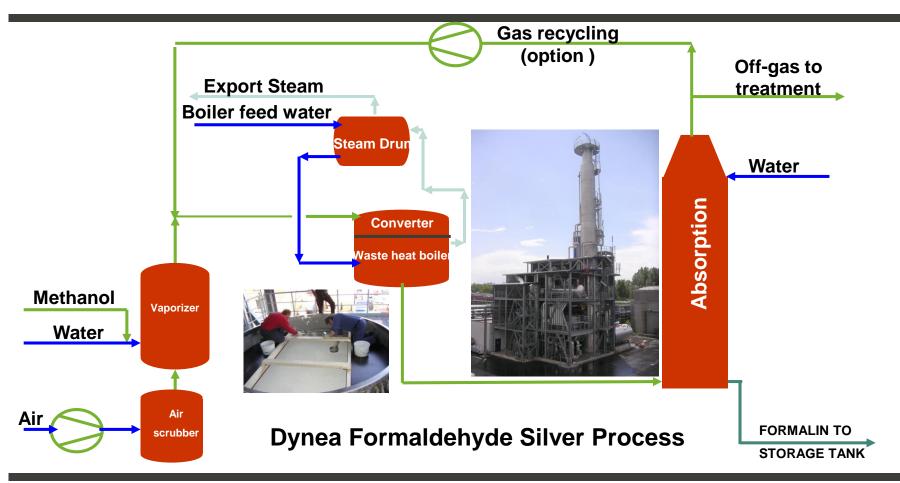


#### Adhesive resin manufacture process



#### Formaldehyde and Resin Process Technology

- Dynea have more than 60 years of experience in process development, design and operation of both Synthetic resin production, Formaldehyde Silver and Metal-oxide plants
- For formaldehyde production, Dynea have technologies for:
  - Silver Contact plants, FASIL ®
  - Metal Oxide plant, METOX
- Dynea have designed, constructed and started up more than 40 Formaldehyde plants world-wide.
- Dynea are a producer of formaldehyde for its own internal use, all improvements are tested in our own plants before offering them to our external customers.





#### Key Benefits - Dynea Formaldehyde Silver Process

#### Large Range In Plant Capacity

From 15 000 - 150 000 TPA FA 100 wt %.

#### Selective Absorber

No Distillation. Selective Formaldehyde absorption, recycling of methanol and water. Result; Improved yield and product quality

#### **Product Quality**

High formaldehyde concentration, up to 56 w% . Low formic acid concentration in final product. Low methanol concentration in final product.

#### **Operational Costs/consumption Figures**

Inexpensive catalyst

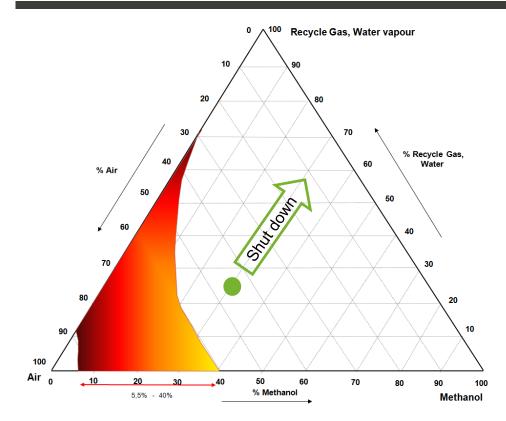
The low electricity consumption and cooling demand more than compensates the higher methanol consumption

compared to the metal oxide technology.

### A Safe Process

Characteristics for Silver catalyst and Metal oxide catalyst (Formox)					
	Pro	Con			
	Low catalyst				
Silver catalyst	& energy cost	Yield			
Metal oxide (Formox)	Yield	High catalyst & energy cost			
		MANUFACTURING COST COMPARISON 100 % FA wt basis			
Raw material & Energy	Unit Cost	Formaldehyde Silver Co	ntact Process	Formaldehyde Me	etal Oxide (Formox)
	Euro	per metric ton FA	Euro/ton 100 % FA	per metric ton FA	Euro/ton 100 % FA
Methanol (tonne)	300,00	1185 - 1218 kg	360,00	1146 - 1154 kg	345,000
Process water (m3)	0,79	1,21	0,95	1,08	0,851
Boiler feed water (m3)	0,79	2,16	1,71	1,89	1,495
Electrical energy (Kwh)	0,10	97	9,70	189	18,919
Cooling water (m3)	0,10	68	6,76	135	13,514
Instrument compressed air (Nm3)	0,02	36,8	0,74	36,8	0,736
Catalyst cost [€]			0,41		8,405
Oxidiser catalyst and HTF		0	0,00		1,802
Excess Steam value (€/tonne)	30,00	-2162	-64,86	-1892	-56,757
Total costs € / tonne (@ 100% Formaldehyde)			315,39		333,96
Yearly production; 50 000 TPY 100 w% Op. Cost/Savings with Silver vs Metal oxide is ; -928 527 Euro/year					





#### DYNEA Formaldehyde Silver Focus on HSE

#### Safe during:

- During Start-up phase
- In Operation
- During Shutdown

#### Safe in Design:

- No hot oil
- Only water/steam cooling which mitigates risks of fire.
- No oxygen in absorber

• Catalyst can be removed without dust and waste in a few hours. Re-catalysation takes less than 24 hours : Small holding tanks are needed to serve customers during recatalysation

The Green spot shows the typical operation point: 30 % methanol 45 % air 25% recycle gas or water

Shutting down the plant will move the process from "Safe to Safer"







### Dynea Plant Tour









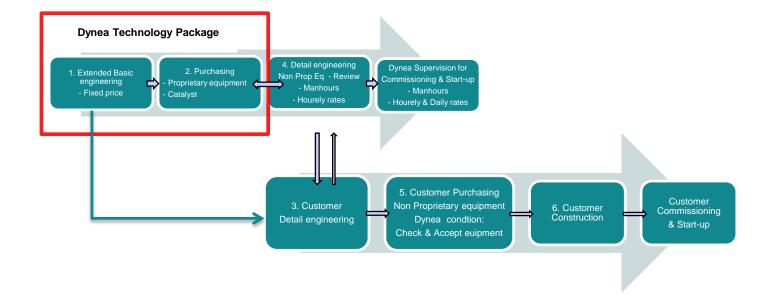


#### **Dynea World of Formaldehyde** Production based on Dynea AS Formaldehyde and Resin technology

Silver Formaldehyde plant 7 Dynea AS locations • Dynea formaldehyde and resin Licensees



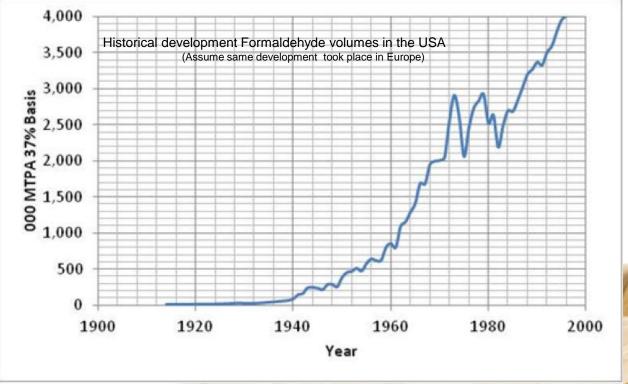
### Typical contract and project phases for Dynea Licensing projects





### Formaldehyde Outlook A view in to the future

#### What visions of the future came out of the situations of the past Past is history – Future is mystery but predictable





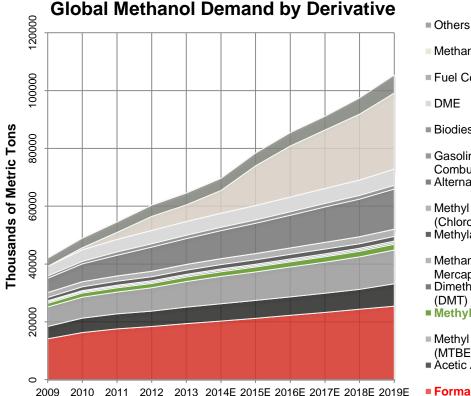
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#### Formaldehyde to continue as a significant methanol consumer

#### Predominantly as a primary derivative

Also as an independent feedstock to other primary methanol derivatives of which MMA is only one example

Actual formaldehyde demand may thus exceed forecasts that do not take these interderivative relationships into account



- Methanol-to-Olefins
- Fuel Cells
- Biodiesel
- Gasoline Blending & Combustion Alternative Fuels
- Methyl Chloride
- (Chloromethane) Methylamines
- Methanethiol (Methyl Mercaptan)
- Dimethyl térephthalate (DMT)
- Methyl Methacrylate
- Methyl tert-Butyl Ether (MTBE) Àcetic Ácid
- Formaldehyde



Expected Global Formaldehyde Demand by Derivative	2015	2019	Other Polyele
Urea Formaldehyde (UF) Resins & Concentrates	6610	8041	Other Polyols Hexamine (TMP, TME, NPG) 2.62% <sup>2.54%</sup> Melamine
Phenol Formaldehyde (PF) Resins	2874	3393	Paraformaldehyde 3.81% Formaldehyde (MF) Resin
Others	1951	2291	1.4 Butanediol
Polyoxymethylene/ Polyacetal (POM)	1388	1624	Urea Formaldehyde (1,4 BDO) 4.61%
Pentaerythritol	1006	1212	Methylene Diphenyl 37.83%
Methylene Diphenyl Diisocyanate (MDI)	885	1047	Diisocyanate (MDI) 5.06%
1,4 Butanediol (1,4 BDO)	805	921	Pentaerythritol 5.76%
Paraformaldehyde	665	824	Polyoxymethylene/
Hexamine	457	555	Polyacetal (POM) 7.95%
Other Polyols (TMP, TME, NPG)	444	518	
Melamine Formaldehyde (MF) Resin	386	463	Others Phenol 11.17% Formaldehyde (PF) Resins
Total 100% formaldehyde (kMT)	17472	20889	16.45%
	19,	6%	

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Formaldehyde Derivatives and End Use Applications		Textile Treatment(Poly-) Urethane Foams
		Resins (Adhesives & Coatings) for Wood Products
Urea Formaldehyde (UF) Resins & Concentrates	37,83 %	
Phenol Formaldehyde (PF) Resins	16,45 %	Pesticides
Others	11,17 %	(e.g. biocides for Paint
Polyoxymethylene/ Polyacetal (POM)	7,95 %	oil production) Resins
Pentaerythritol	5,76 %	Incomos de la comos de
Methylene Diphenyl Diisocyanate (MDI)	5,06 %	Elastic
1,4 Butanediol (1,4 BDO)	4,61 %	Fibers
Paraformaldehyde	3,81 %	Synthetic
Hexamine	2,62 %	Lubricants
Other Polyols (TMP, TME, NPG)	2,54 %	Household/ Plasticizers
Melamine Formaldehyde (MF) Resin	2,21 %	Electronic (Thermoplastics, Appliances e.g. PVC)



Expected Growth in Formaldehyde Demand

### **NORTH AMERICA**

- North American demand has recovered since global financial crisis (2013 construction activity)
- Demand primarily from UF & PF resins

There currently are no alternative resins that provide overall better technical performance, versatility and cost effectiveness than formaldehyde-based resins.

-American Chemistry Council

- Demand include 1,4-BDO, POM & MDI
- Markets generally more mature than in Asia, thus slower growth expected

### **SOUTH AMERICA**

- Local formaldehyde production necessitated by impracticalities of shipping
- Mostly used in UF, PF and MF resins
- Relatively small but accelerating demand growth
- Expansion in infrastructure for urethanes and polyesters may render investments in MDI and BDO feasible

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### EUROPE

- Recovery expected to continue
- New world scale facilities not expected
- Capacity expansions & revamps (less developed countries)
- Formaldehyde buyers tendency to install own facilities
- Demand will grow along with wood industry

 Thanks to formaldehyde- based resins, an increasing amount of wood waste is being recycled both for the good of the planet and for the good of consumers.

 – Phil Hope, Formacare Secretary General, August 2013

#### **RUSSIA\***

\*Also includes states that became independent from USSR

- Recovery expected to continue along with that of wood industry
- Significant demand from UF & PF resins, also isoprene manufacturing



#### Expected Growth in Formaldehyde Demand

#### **MIDDLE EAST**

- Relatively small formaldehyde vs. methanol demand
- Traditional wood-related uses for formaldehyde uncommon (no forrestry)
- Swift growth in other formaldehyde-derivative facilities, e.g. paraformaldehyde and slow release fertilizers, amongst others

### AFRICA

- Consumption limited to basic and traditional uses in resins
- Imports of formaldehyde derivatives such as UF and other resins are heavily relied on by wood product manufacturers

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#### ASIA

- Growth primarily from UF & PF resins
- BDO & MDI sectors also contributes increasingly
- MMA may contribute to a more significant extent than expected, depending on the production technology
- China remains center of global formaldehyde demand
- Chinese demand to grow at slightly lower pace than previous 5 yrs

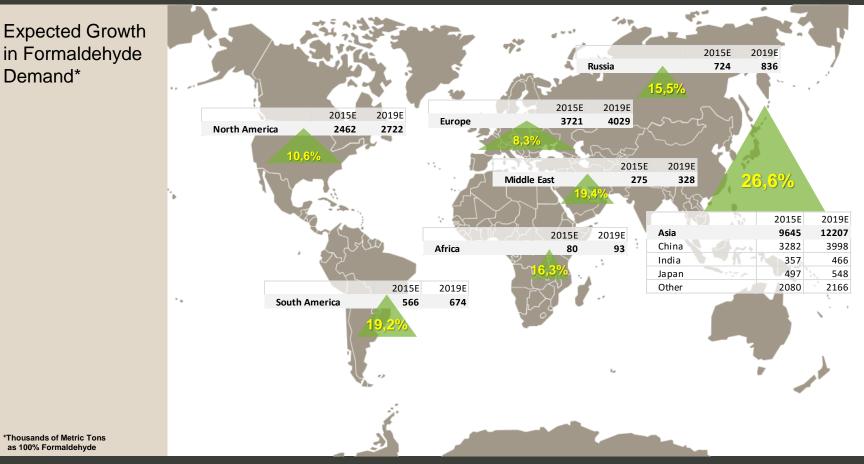
At present, China's economy has entered a state of new normal – the gear of growth is shifting from high speed to medium to high speed.

- Li Keqiang, January 2015

- Indian growth rates expected to increase, though no big announcements yet
- Demand still outpaces capacity addition



#### **Expected Growth** in Formaldehyde Demand\*



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### New EU classification for formaldehyde

An association between FA exposure and carcinogenicity has been studied globally for decades. What has changed?

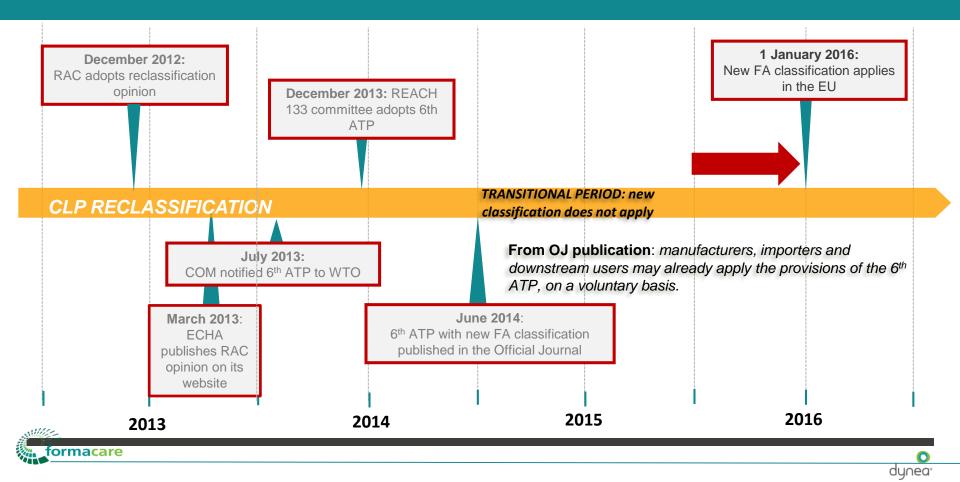
New classification from 1.1.2016

- Carcinogenicity: cat. 2 → cat. 1B ("suspected of causing" to "may cause")
- Mutagenicity: cat. 2

The rational for this classification was not based on new evidence but was due to a change of the classification criteria and their interpretation under REACH.



### Formaldehyde Reclassification timeline



## Which legislations are affected?

From entry into force of CMR 1B classification (01.01.16)

REACH	CLP	<b>Other Legislations</b>
<ul> <li>Carcinogen 1B can lead to proposal as SVHC "substance of very high concern" under REACH</li> <li>Possible "fast-track" restrictions on consumer uses</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>New labelling and Safety Data Sheet requirements for mixtures</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Carcinogen and Mutagen Directive</li> <li>Biocidal Products Regulation</li> <li>Cosmetics Regulation</li> <li>National Regulations</li> </ul>





### What are the current practical safe levels?

- Formaldehyde has been Registered under REACH with a DNEL (Derived No-Effect Level) for inhalation, workers, 8h shift of 0.4 ppm. Formaldehyde can be handled safely.
- Based on the most recent scientific research, industry supports an occupational exposure limit of:
  - 0.3 ppm Time-Weighted Average (TWA)
  - 0.6 ppm Short-Term Exposure Limits (STEL)

Workplace Safety - Sensory Irritation in Human Volunteers: http://www.formacare.org/index.php?page=workplace-safety

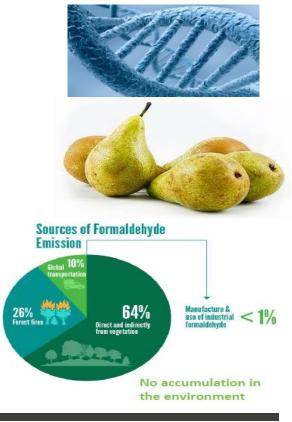


# Formaldehyde occurs naturally

Formaldehyde is produced naturally by all living organisms; it is a critical molecule for the formation of proteins, DNA and RNA. Formaldehyde is quickly metabolised.

Formaldehyde is present in many different foodstuffs, such as apples (up to 20 mg/kg), pears (up to 60 mg/kg), and lobster (up to 100 mg/kg).

Formaldehyde is naturally emitted by vegetation (leaves and wood) – up to 10 million t/a globally; less than 1% of the emissions come from manufacture & use of industrial formaldehyde.





Every day, people benefit from products that contain formaldehyde. This chemical is a critical, commercially valuable, and basic building block in our modern society.

http://www.formaldehydefacts.org/economy

