Prodways, subsidiary of Groupe Gorgé, signs a strategic partnership with Arkema, a specialty chemicals global major.

Following its historic partnership with Prodways’ subsidiary Exceltec, Arkema signed a strategic partnership with Prodways to develop new PA12-based laser sintering material solutions to answer the numerous demands for industrial applications.

As one of the major producers of specialty polymers, Arkema brings innovative and value-added solutions tailored to individual customers’ needs. Arkema’s Technical Polymers offering includes a complete range of high-performance polymers specifically developed for the automotive, industrial, healthcare, consumer electronics, and renewable energies markets. Based on its renowned material expertise and more than 60 years of experience in polyamide powders, Arkema has been actively developing laser sintering solutions for more than 10 years.

Prodways shares Arkema’s strategy based on accelerated innovation to pursue future applications. Prodways offers laser sintering platforms which are open to third-party materials and creates strategic partnerships to develop the next generation of polymer materials.

Olivier Coulet, laser sintering materials Director and founder of Exceltec, confirms: “The Arkema and Prodways teams have worked together on the co-development of laser sintering powders for more than 10 years. After many successes, such as the launch of new PA12 powder formulas, the signing of the partnership with Prodways will be the natural continuation of those developments and will offer promising opportunities for special grades, markets, and services in 3D printing.”
Adrien Lapeyre, Market Manager for Arkema’s Technical Polymers business line, stated: “We are convinced that the Prodways open platform program will accelerate the time-to-market of new powders that will meet the numerous challenges of 3D printing.”

The aim of this partnership, which combines Arkema’s expertise in polymer materials and Prodways’ 3D printers, is to develop new, complete and personalized laser sintering solutions for any industrial application, from automotive to aerospace and medical.

With this partnership, Prodways and Arkema create new, unlimited potential for innovation for tomorrow’s industries.

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About Arkema

A designer of materials and innovative solutions, Arkema shapes materials and creates new uses that accelerate customer performance. Our balanced business portfolio spans high-performance materials, industrial specialties and coating solutions. Our globally recognized brands are ranked among the leaders in the markets we serve. Reporting annual sales of €7.7 billion in 2015, we employ approximately 19,000 people worldwide and operate in close to 50 countries. We are committed to active engagement with all our stakeholders. Our research centers in North America, France and Asia concentrate on advances in bio-based products, new energies, water management, electronic solutions, lightweight materials and design, home efficiency and insulation. www.arkema.com

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About Prodways

Prodways, a subsidiary of Groupe Gorgé, assists major industrial firms with innovations and production processes by providing high-end solutions for additive manufacturing. Prodways’ strategic positioning is to combine the necessary technological solutions with the capacity to provide services and support necessary to help companies develop and meet industrial challenges by:

- providing a top-quality, state-of-the-art industrial solution
- providing a complete range of technologies to meet their needs in terms of productivity and reliability
- developing materials suited to industrial constraints (mechanical properties, biocompatibility, flammability etc.)
- proposing product design and engineering and consulting on production technologies and processes
- qualifying business processes beforehand by creating test parts and process simulations
- proposing manufacturing solutions for back-up and peak reduction
- investing in innovative players in the 3D ecosystem.

Prodways is now one of the few players able to overcome all industrial challenges and boost the emergence of additive manufacturing in series production. Prodways’ offer is backed up by additional activities that enable it to position itself as a serious rival to the two global market leaders and also become the only company outside the USA to offer clients a wide range of 3D printing technologies and a complete range of 3D printing services.

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