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Omya Performance Polymer Distribution partners with SK Chemicals for European distribution of SKYPEL® TPE-E

- New distribution mandate for SKYPEL® thermoplastic polyester elastomers (TPE-E)
- Pan-European sales, technical and application development coverage
- Partnership builds on decades of thermoplastic elastomer (TPE) experience, including Distrupol

Oftringen, Switzerland – June 1, 2026 – Omya Performance Polymer Distribution has been appointed by SK Chemicals as its distribution partner for **SKYPEL® thermoplastic polyester elastomers (TPE-E)** across European markets, effective July 1, 2026.

The appointment establishes a new strategic partnership between Omya Performance Polymer Distribution and SK Chemicals, enabling an innovation-led, coordinated go-to-market approach for SKYPEL® TPE-E across the region. Under the agreement, Omya Performance Polymer Distribution will provide pan-European sales coverage, technical support, and application development expertise to customers across automotive, electrical and electronics, wire and cable, consumer, and other end-use applications.

SKYPEL® TPE-E, SK Chemicals' thermoplastic polyester elastomer portfolio, combines the flexibility of rubber with the properties of engineering plastics, delivering excellent mechanical performance, thermal stability, and processing versatility. The material is well suited for demanding applications where long-term performance and reliability are essential.

This partnership leverages Omya Performance Polymer Distribution's decades of experience with TPEs, including a strong legacy and unrivalled reputation through Distrupol in Northern Europe. Its established European sales organization, deep technical know-how, and robust logistics infrastructure will enable efficient market development and long-term growth across the region.

Carsten Harms, CEO of Omya Performance Polymer Distribution, said *"Building on our partnership with SK Chemicals in North America, this expansion into Europe marks an important step in strengthening our high-performance elastomer offering. SKYPEL® TPE-E is a key addition and a critical capability in our now largely complete global TPE portfolio – enabling us to better support customers with a broader, more integrated offering across regions."*

Steve Kim, Executive Vice President and Head of Green Materials at SK Chemicals, added: *"We are very pleased to partner with Omya Performance Polymer Distribution to expand the reach of SKYPEL® TPE-E across European markets. Europe represents a highly advanced market with stringent technical standards and quality requirements, where SKYPEL® will demonstrate its competitiveness based on its excellent durability and design flexibility. [...]"*

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“SK Chemicals will continue to expand its global production capabilities for SKYPEL® and, together with Omya, accelerate business growth in Europe by ensuring reliable supply and strong technical support.”

A focused commercial rollout, customer engagement program, and joint marketing activity are planned to establish SKYPEL® TPE-E as a leading solution across Europe.

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Steve Kim, Executive Vice President and Head of Green Materials at SK Chemicals |
Carsten Harms, Chief Executive Officer of Omya Performance Polymer Distribution

About Omya Performance Polymer Distribution

Omya Performance Polymer Distribution is exclusively focused on the global distribution of polymers, serving four key sectors: high-performance polymers, engineering polymers, standard polymers, and rubber polymers and additives. Its broad geographical footprint and technical expertise, combined with a comprehensive portfolio, offer customers and principals a specialist service in this rapidly evolving market. [Home | Omya Performance Polymer Distribution](#)

About SK Chemicals

SK Chemicals is a global materials company that develops a wide range of advanced materials based on strong technology and R&D capabilities, including high-performance copolyesters, chemically recycled PET, post-consumer recycled plastics, and thermoplastic polyester elastomers.

The company has established vertically integrated capabilities from raw materials to finished products, enabling consistent quality and the development of materials tailored to specific applications. Its portfolio includes copolyesters such as SKYGREEN and ECOZEN, chemically recycled materials such as ECOTRIA and SKYPET CR, functional materials such as SKYPEL, and bio-based materials including ECOTRION.

These materials are applied across a range of industries, including packaging, automotive, electronics, consumer goods, and industrial applications. SK Chemicals continues to expand its production capabilities and develop materials aligned with circular resource use and evolving regulatory requirements. [SK Chemical](#)

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