

## Swedish Company takes the lead in the development of green barriers

Swecoat in Sweden has succeeded in producing a polymer satisfying the requirements for compostability. The product has excellent barrier properties and has even proven to be better than polyethylene plastic. Swecoat has many years invested in the development of new products, with the goal of creating green barriers - a protection that is biodegradable, unlike petroleum-based plastics used today.

- In today's society with huge mountains of rubbish we are happy if we can contribute to a better environment. Customer reactions in Europe has also been very positive, we expect strong growth already in 2012. Products that are now in production are for hygiene and food industries, says Stefan Söderberg, marketing and partner.

During the development of the product Swecoat has managed to coat the biodegradable polymer on a variety of materials, with very good results. Examples of materials are:

- Board for the food industry.
- MG and LWC paper for wrapping industry.
- Non-woven materials for the hygiene industry.
- Grease proof for the food industry.
- Technical applications such as VCR paper.

The company has, through exclusive cooperation agreement, conducted development and test runs since 2007 for a number of industrial customers. A number of new products has and will be launched on the market in the coming years, in which a component of the product is manufactured by Swecoat.

Currently Swecoat is working with the Ahlstrom Group, where Swecoat delivers some of the material used for hair removal strips. Delivery is mainly Mediterranean countries where a strong pressure exists from the market to make hair strip decay rapidly.

Swecoat is specialized in the coating of moisture- and grease-resistant plastic paper and other materials. For several years the company has invested in the development of new products. The development work has taken place with external suppliers, customers, Mid Sweden University and businesses in the developing cluster Packaging Mid Sweden and Number One Forest Industry Network.

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