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Eleventh International Conference

Blowing Agents & Foaming Processes 2009

19-20 May, Hamburg, Germany

In recent years soaring energy prices and a series of environmental regulations have hit the plastics industry hard. Materials costs are posing a significant economic challenge to manufacturers in high volume markets and, constrained by the market structure and strong competition for low-prices, many have been unable to transfer to their customers the increases in raw material expenses.

Pressure is on to find innovative ways to keep costs down, identify new materials, sources and material alternatives. Foamed substrates may represent cost effective alternatives in many cases. Blowing agents or blowing gases are excellent "fillers" and have the dual benefits of saving material and reducing weight – the latter again minimising shipping and other related expenses.

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- Environmentally safe gases e.g. nitrogen
- Foaming of packaging material
- Optimising cell structure through nano technology
- Latest discoveries, developments and fundamentals in foams and nanostructures

- Relation of foamed polymers and flame retardancy
- Processing: extrusion, injection moulding
- Studies on rheology of polymer/gas dispersed systems
- Using, introducing and controlling gases

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