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**MERQUINSA conference unveils  
BIO TPU breakthrough for adhesives at FEICA 2008**

Merquinsa's paper "New TPUs for Adhesives from Renewable Sources" had a wide acceptance among the attendants that were present in Marseille due to FEICA 2008. FEICA 2008 European Adhesive conference and Expo were held in Marseille, France, this year from 11 to 12 September.

The benefits and performance of Pearlbond<sup>®</sup> ECO TPU grades for adhesives were presented, detailing how the new Renewable Pearlbond<sup>®</sup> ECO TPU series can be applied for reactive hot melt polyurethanes (RHM), shoe stiffeners and thermobonding. The new environmental innovations by Merquinsa comprise Pearlbond<sup>®</sup> ECO D590 and Pearlbond<sup>®</sup> ECO D900.

On the one hand, **Pearlbond<sup>®</sup> ECO D900** can be processed by extrusion or in powder form via sintering for footwear and textile applications, with 75% of renewable content (as certified according to ASTM-D6866). And on the other hand, Merquinsa's latest renewable TPU innovation for High Performance RHM - **Pearlbond<sup>®</sup> ECO D590** - to address current challenges presented by water-based adhesives in the automotive and furniture industries.



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