# **Cellulose Nanocrystals (CNCs) Bio-building blocks for tomorrow's materials**

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### Overview

Melodea Ltd. Is a pioneer in the development of a sustainable and economically viable industrial process for the production of CNC from wood pulp and side streams of the pulp and paper industry. Melodea is also developing CNC



applications such as gas and oil barrier coatings, anti-friction coatings, anti-bacterial coatings, foams and additives to different polymer systems and paper products.

- In recent years we have increased production of our products in an industrial pilot facility in Israel. Melodea has also developed a proprietary Sulfuric Acid Recovery Procedure which enables the recovery of sulfuric acid used in production of CNC.
- Our investors are Holmen pulp and paper from Sweden, and **Klabin from Brazil.** HOLMEN

### ine need

Novel materials with superior performance made from renewable resources as an alternative to fossil oil based

Kim, et al. International Journal of Precision Engineering nd Manufacturing-Green Technology 201 **CNC** production **Efficient and sustainable extraction of CNC from** cellulose based material **Cellulose raw materials; wood Chemical processing CNC product**  $\rightarrow$  applications pulp, paper waste, flax, cotton and more



Simple proprietary production process

> Low CAPEX, chemical recovery

> Easily integrated into an existing facility

#### **Melodea's CNC suspension**

• Transparent suspension of nano particles in water



#### materials

- **Superior advantages of the new materials:**
- **High technical performance**
- **Competitive cost**
- **Renewable resources**
- **Sustainable production**
- Improved health and safety



Klabin

- Dimensions: 5-20 nm diameter, 100-400 nm length
- First CNC pilot in Europe with capacity of 35 tons/annum, is being commissioned in Örnsköldsvik, Sweden.
- **Pilot scale CNC production capabilities in Israel.**
- Building a flag ship plant in a partnership in Israel that can produce up to 200 tons per year.

# Main applications



#### **Paints and coatings**

- **Novel CNC based wood coatings**
- **Scratch and abrasion resistance**
- **Rheology** improvement



#### **Barrier coatings for advanced packaging**

- Innovative barrier for oxygen, oils and more
- **Recyclable, compostable, degradable**
- **Applications on paper and plastics**

## Additional applications



**Fibers and textile** 



**3-D printing** 



Hydrophobic CNC



Oil and gas rheology modifiers



**Cement and concrete strength** and rheology additives





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**Antibacterial coatings** 

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## What we are looking for

- Joint Development Agreement (JDA) with strategic partners
- **Clear product vision**
- **CNC** based commercial products in the markets in two to three years time
- **Technology licensing**
- **Capital investments**

# International projects

