



Hydrogen Opportunities

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Atotech, a global, leading brand in surface-finishing solutions

Founded in **1993**

\$1.5bn in sales (2021)

Almost **2,400** total patents
in our portfolio as of today

Present in more than **40** countries,
serving over **8,000** customers worldwide

48% of our R&D projects
are devoted to sustainable goals

230 kt/year production capacity

3 regional HQ
15 TechCenters
17 production sites

Over
4,000 experts

We serve multiple end markets and industries



Company overview



EMPLOYEES
WORLDWIDE

~10,000



TOTAL CUSTOMERS
ACROSS THE GLOBE

33K+



2021 PRO FORMA
REVENUE⁽³⁾

\$4.4B



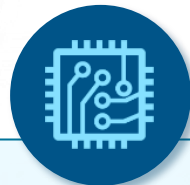
2021 PRO FORMA
R&D INVESTMENT⁽³⁾

\$253M



LEADING POSITION
IN 24 CATEGORIES⁽¹⁾

24



SEMI CHIPS MADE w/
MKS PRODUCTS⁽²⁾

~100%



2021 PATENTS
WORLDWIDE⁽³⁾

3,800+



ENGINEERS AND
SCIENTISTS

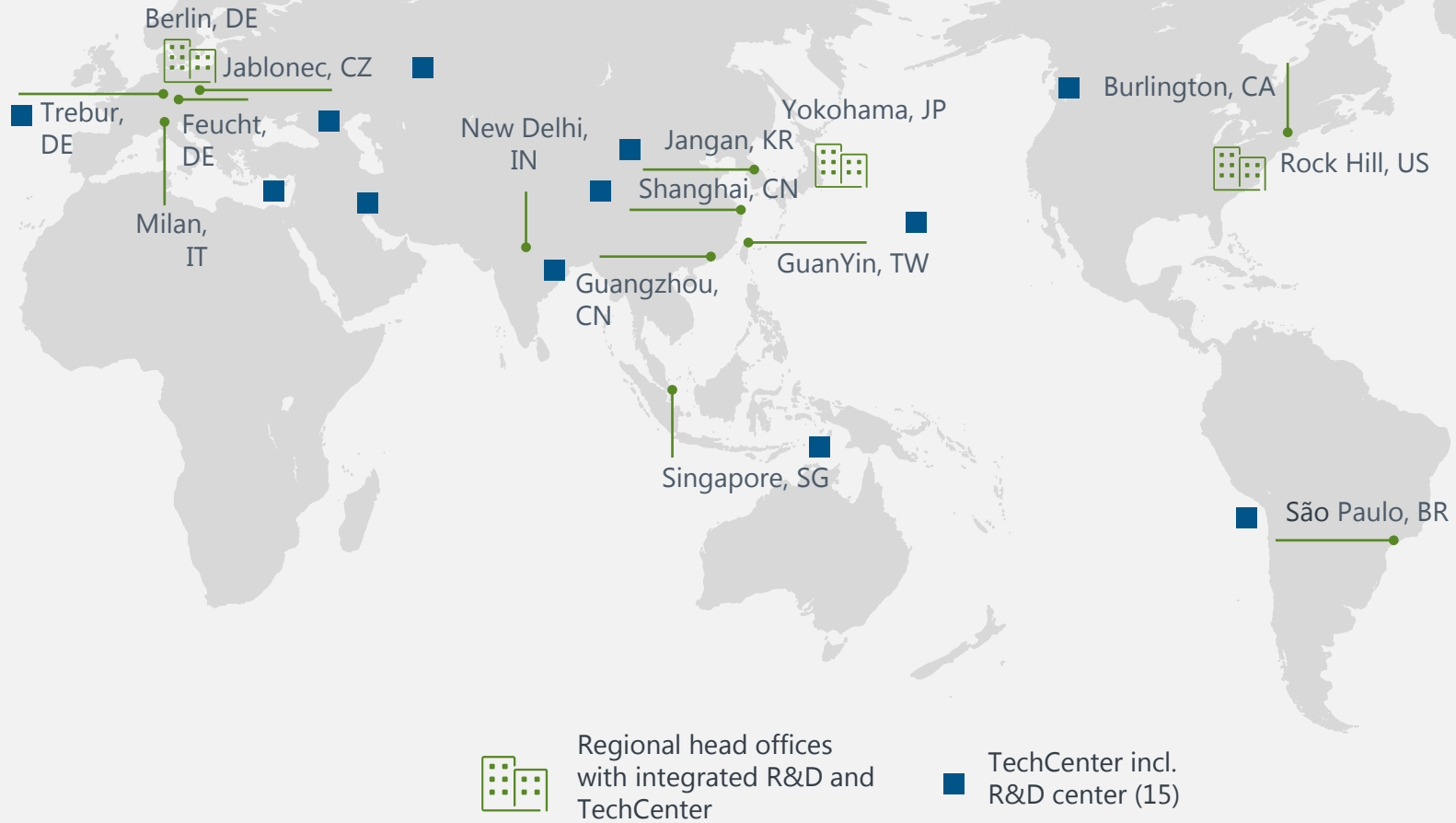
2,000+

⁽¹⁾ Product categories where Company estimates it is #1 or #2;

⁽²⁾ Internal Company estimate;

⁽³⁾ Pro forma revenue consists of revenue for 2021 for MKS and Atotech and R&D investments consists of R&D expenses for 2021 for MKS and Atotech. Patents consist of issued patents for MKS and Atotech as of December 31, 2021

Our TechCenters



as of April 2022

Atotech Development Center (ADC) in Manesar



Key facts

20,000 square meters

140 employees + 50 support

17 plating lines

39 labs

3 customer support pilot lines

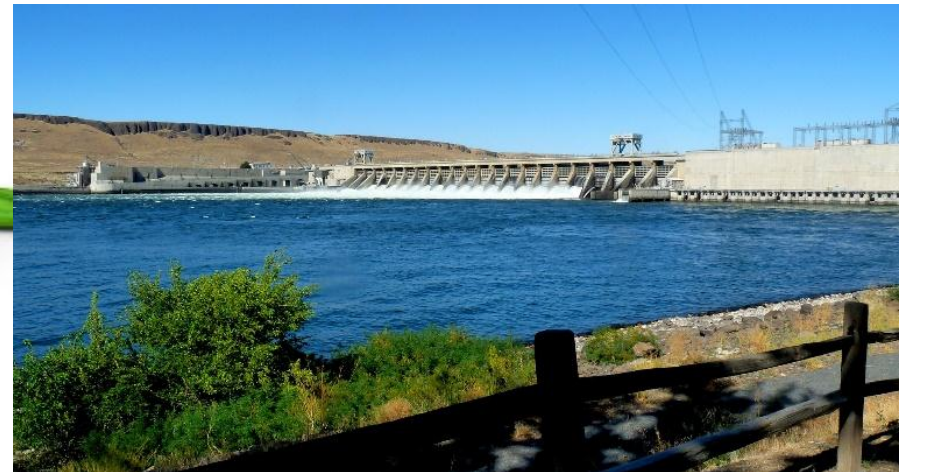
ADC

ADDS SPEED TO OUR R&D PROGRAMS!

Green energy



Green energy
is a tight
resource



Hydrogen Economy

Generation



Storage and Transport



Use



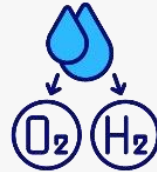
Examples

- Alkaline Electrolysis (AEL)
- Polymer Electrolyte Membrane (PEM)
- Solid Oxide Electrolyser Cell (SOEC)



Atotech Solutions Supports

- Electrolyzers
- Purification



- Valves
- Seals



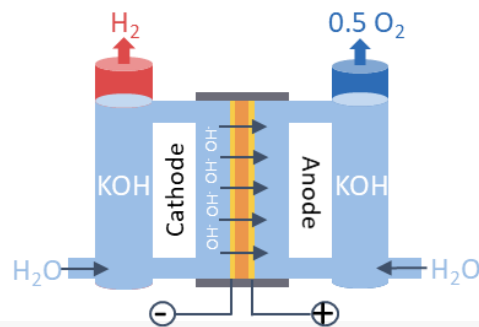
- Fuel Cells



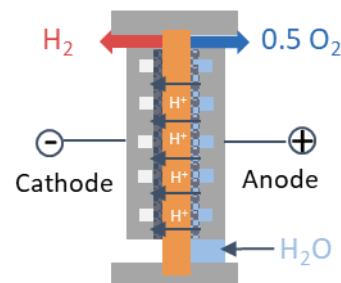
Atotech is contributing to reduce CO₂ emissions and supporting the H₂-industry in technical challenges

Electrolyser

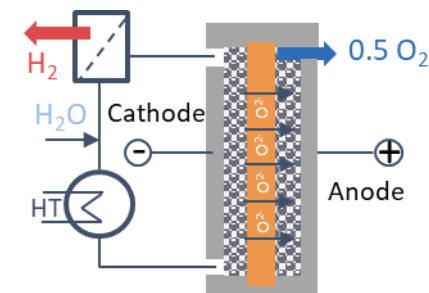
AEL



PEM



SOEC



Electrolyte
and Charge
Carrier

- Liquid electrolyte
- Alkaline
- KOH/OH-



Electrode &
Bipolar-plate

- Raney Nickel
- Stainless steel / EN or Ni
- Cast Iron / EN or Ni



Atotech
Solution

- ELeVEN® LP 350 (Low P EN)
- Nichem MP 1188 (Mid P EN)
- Ni/Fe

- Polymer membrane Electrolyte
- Acidic
- H⁺

- Precious metals (Platinum/Iridium)
- New concepts like Pt/Ni alloy

- Nichem® HP 1170 (high P EN)
- Platinor®

- Solid Electrolyte
- Ceramic Oxide
- O²⁻

- Ni-Cermet, Perovskite

- Atotech are looking for opportunities in this field to develop suitable processes

▶ Atotech's metallisation processes to increase efficiency and long term stability



The Missing Piece

Bipolar Plate a Key Component

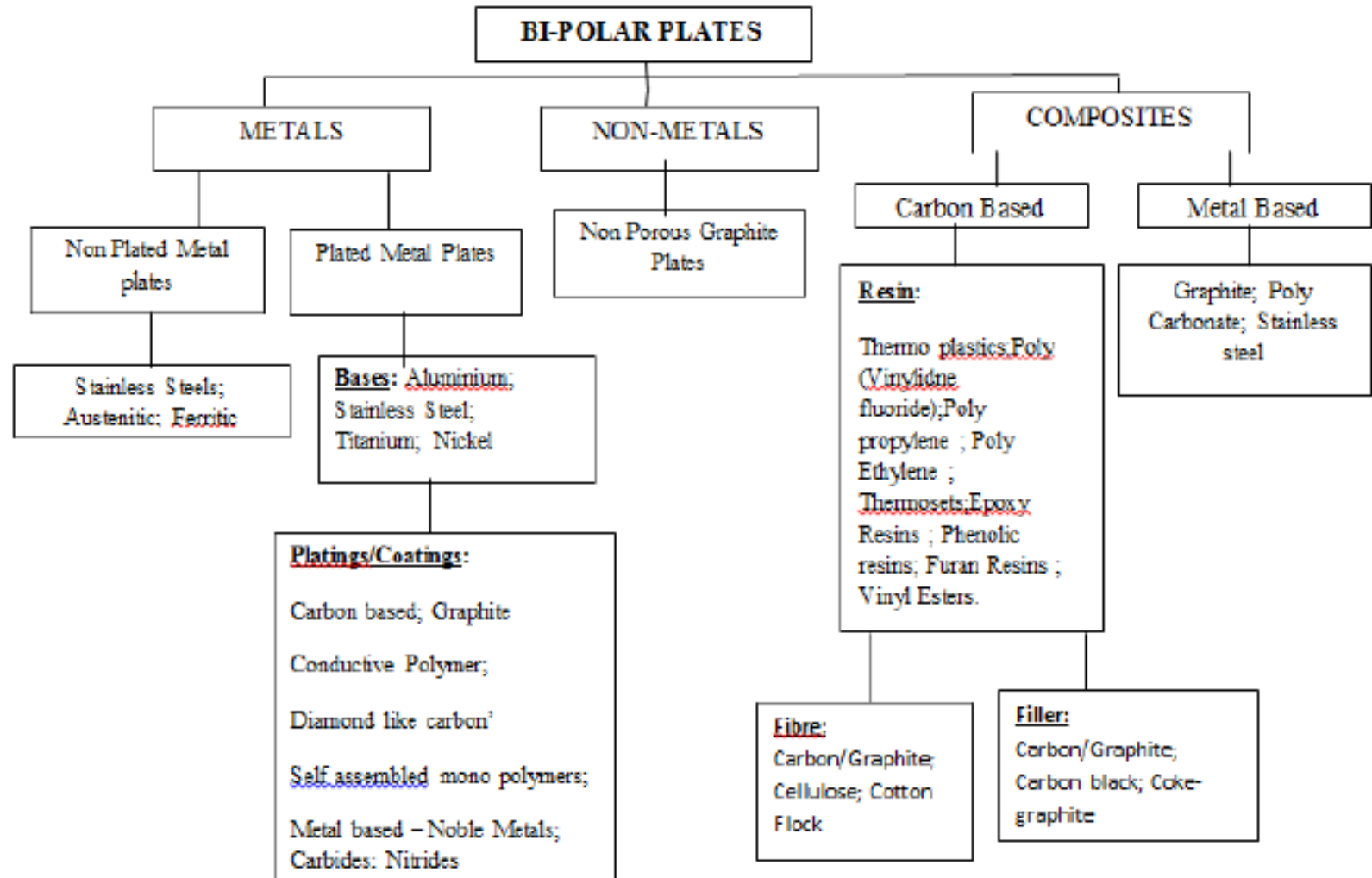
- **Metallic Plates**

- **Advantage**

- High electrical conductivity, formability and manufacturability, low gas permeability & superior mechanical properties
- Higher strength, toughness and shock resistance than graphite plates

- **Disadvantage**

- Corrosion: Leading to formation of a thin oxide layer on their surface.



Electroplating – A Multi Faceted Solution

Criteria

- Strong adhesion
- Impermeable to fuel cell reactant gases
- Chemically stable or inert
- Conductive

Why Electroless Nickel

- Plated as a NiP alloy
- Electroless as a process forms an uniform coating
- Versatile – ranging from Low P to High P
- Stable across range of pH
- Balance of hardness and corrosion resistance

Surfacing Finishing Solutions

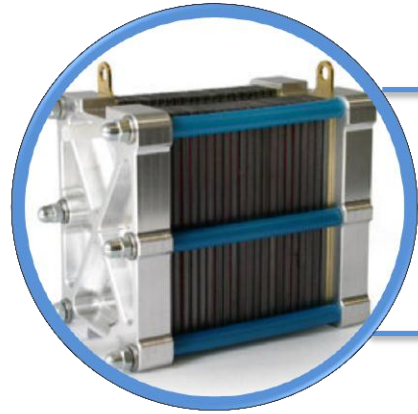
Electroless Nickel for AEL

Plating processes

ELeVEN® LP 350

Low Phosphorus
electroless nickel
process

High corrosion
resistant in Alkaline
environments

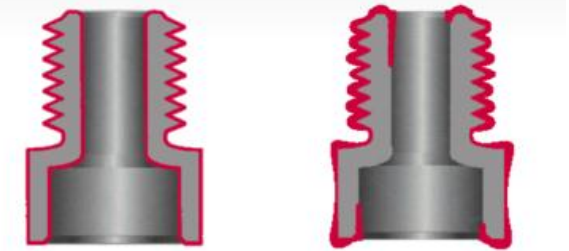
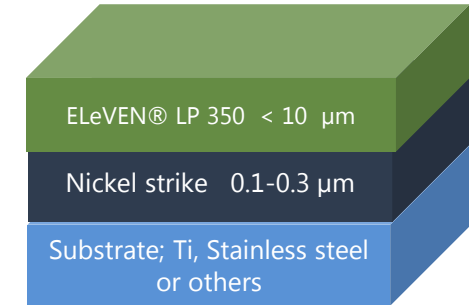


Bipolar Plates

Cathode

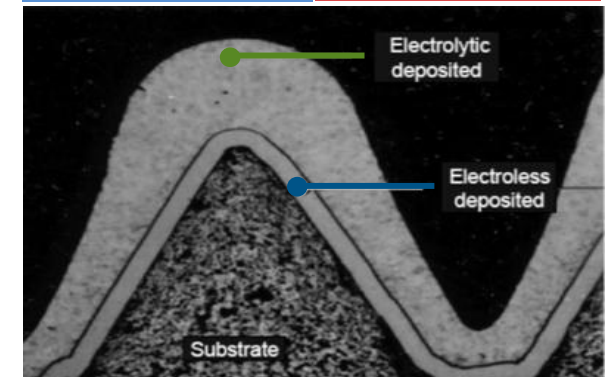
Anode

- High corrosion resistance to alkaline conditions
- Uniform coating thickness distribution for complex shaped parts with deep recesses compared to electroplating processes
 - Chemical process which does not require external power supply, thus not affected by current distribution
- Phosphorus content: 1-4% w/w
- Plating speed: 14-20 μm
- Internal stress: Compressive



Electroless plating

Electrolytic plating



Electrolytic Ni = >99.5% Ni
EN = Ni & P alloy (1-12% P)

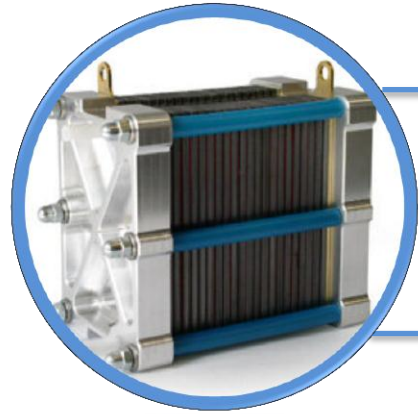
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Electroless Nickel for PEM

Plating processes

Nichem® HP 1170

High Phosphorus electroless Nickel process with high corrosion resistance to acidic environments

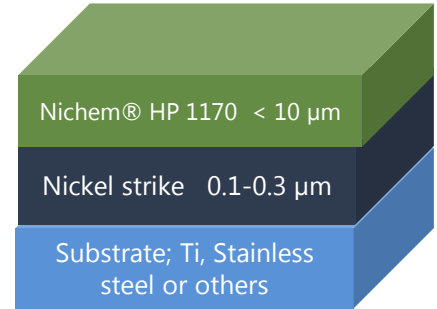


Bipolar Plates

Cathode

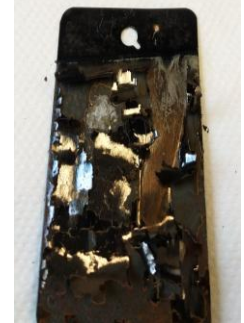
Anodes?

- Exceptionally high level of corrosion resistance in acidic conditions
- Ideal coating for cathodes and Bipolar plates
- Uniform thickness distribution
- Phosphorus content: 10-12% w/w
- Plating speed: 8-12 μm
- Internal stress: Compressive



- Immersion in HCl 15% v/v for each cycle
- Temperature: 82°C [180 F] maintained using water bath
- Time: 4 hours / cycle
- Panels coated with 60-65 μm EN rinsed, dried, examined, and weighed after each cycle
- Application of multiple cycles allowing comparison

Mid-P EN
(after 1 cycle)



Pb based high-P EN
(after 1 cycle)



High-P EN (Pb free)
(after 1 cycle)



Nichem® HP 1170
(after 4 cycles)



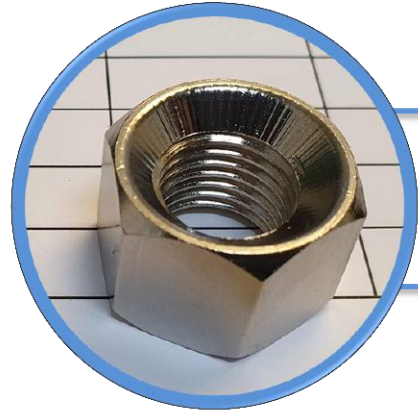
Surface Finishing Solutions

Fastener plating for electrolyzers

Plating processes

Nichem® MP 400
Or
EDEN® 113 Bright

Bright Mid P
electroless for
corrosion
protection and
bright appearance

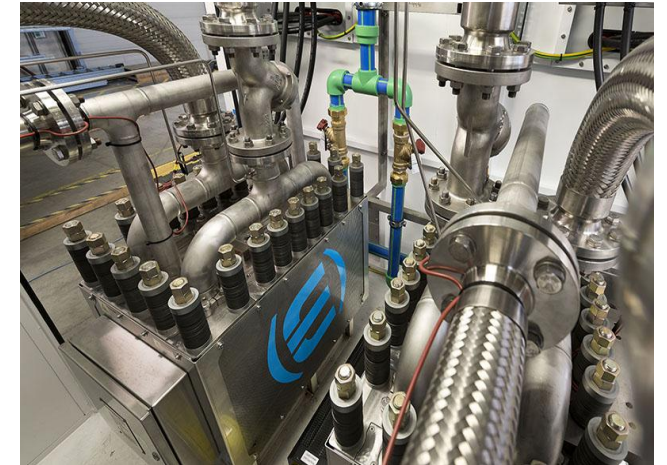
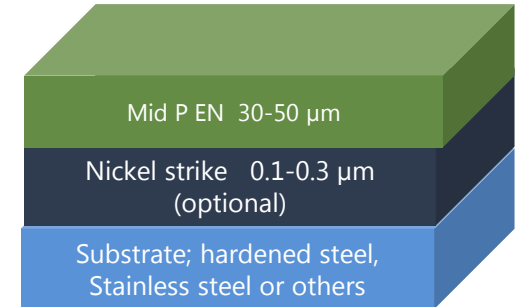


Fasteners for pipes

High corrosion
requirement

The metal stack of choice for the electrolyser periphery component:

- Fasteners other periphery equipment used on the electrolyser stack & pipework
- High corrosion requirements
- Uniform thickness (25-50µm)
- Coating should be cosmetically appealing



Curtsey of Cummins

Surfacing Finishing Solutions



Electrolytic

Pd/Ni	Ni/W	Fe/P	Zn/Ni	Ni/Fe
Ag	Au	Pd	Pt	Ru/Rh
Cu	Ni	Sn	Zn	



Electroless

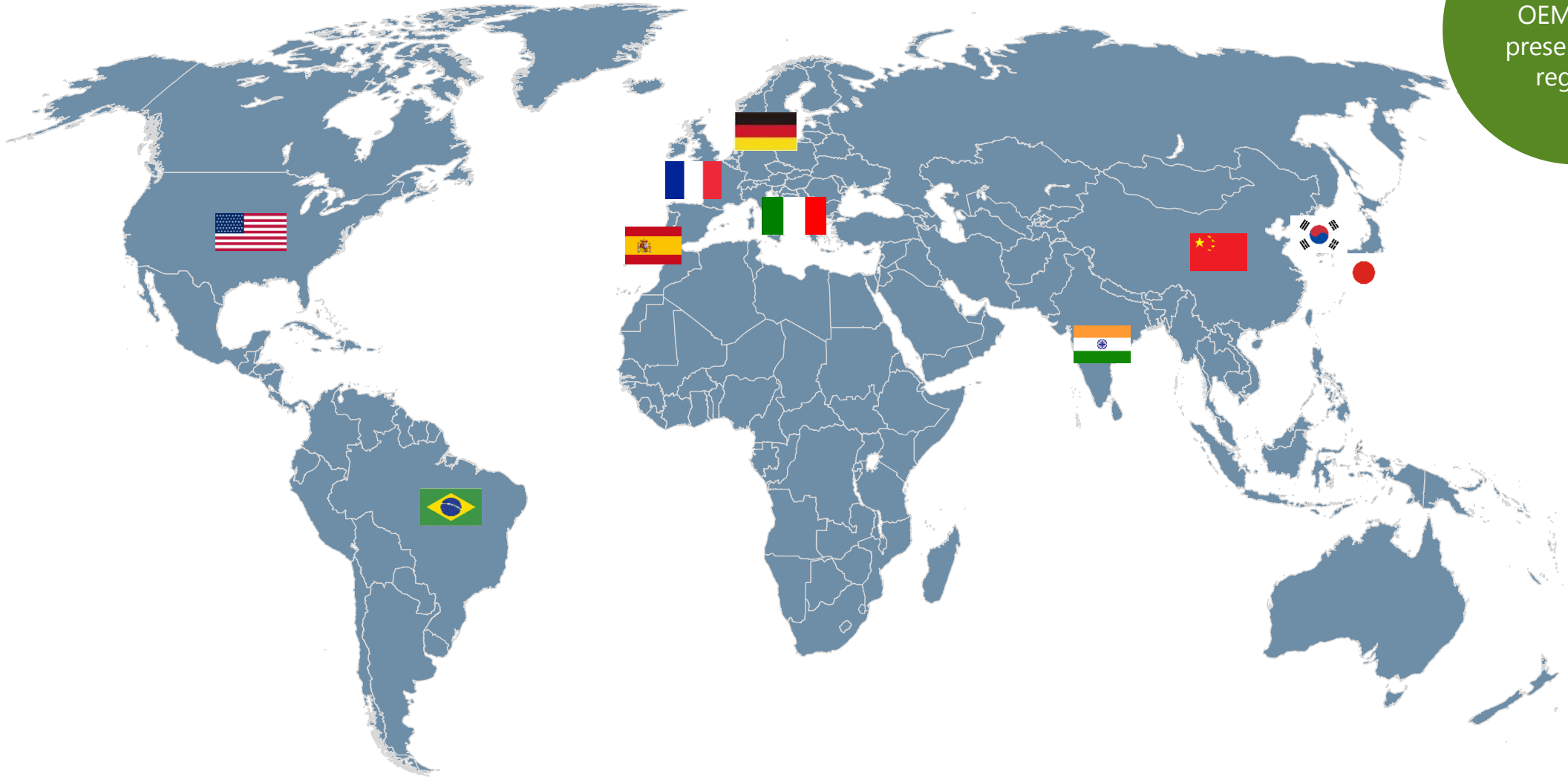
Ni/P (1-4% P)	Ni/P (10-12% P)	Ni - Composite (PTFE/SiC/Diamond)
Ni/P/ Mo	Ni/P/ Mo/W	
ENIG		



Contact us to find the best process matching your needs to increase efficiency and long term stability

Surfacing Finishing Solutions

The worldwide
OEM team
present in all
regions



Thank You

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