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## SAFETY FIRST

We hope your visit to SPADC is both enjoyable and informative. To ensure your health and safety during your visit, please carefully review the safety information provided in this brochure and follow the instructions. We welcome you to SPADC and wish you a pleasant and memorable experience.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) must be worn in many areas at SPADC. For your safety, you must use the appropriate protective gear when entering areas requiring PPE.





It is forbidden to film or take photographs without authorization.



Smoking is only allowed in designated areas.



You are not allowed to eat or drink in laboratories or processing areas.



Do not enter any restricted areas unless you are authorized and instructed accordingly.

## ACTIONS REQUIRED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY



Obey alarm signals and follow the instructions of EHSS personnel. Sirens emitting a continuous tone indicate that you must evacuate the building immediately.



In an emergency, leave the building through emergency exits and escape routes. Do not use elevators. Do not close doors behind you.



Make your way to the designated assembly point and await further instructions. Report any missing colleagues to the EHSS officer. Do not re-enter the building unless you are told that it is safe to do so.



If you do not feel well, please let us know, as we have a clinic on site. If you need any assistance, inform the EHSS team or contact the doctor or nurse on site by calling 1999.

## SABIC T&I'S PRINCIPLES

SABIC has long recognized the need to be at the cutting edge of technological development. We are the forefront of innovation since SABIC was founded in 1976. SABIC was created to turn natural gas resources into valuable industrial commodities. Earlier, these natural gas resources were regarded as waste, and burned off during oil extraction. Since then, we have progressed to become one of the leading players in the petrochemical industry. Over the years, we have developed an approach to Technology and Innovation (T&I) that puts customers' needs first. We have invested heavily in technological development and technical support functions and have established an increasingly independent research program that benefits other industries as well as our own. As the world's resources become scarce and raw materials increasingly valuable commodities, we have to look for new ways to innovate and make the difference for our customers.







## SABIC VALUES





### **INSPIRE**

We generate pride and commitment to make an impact



#### **ENGAGE**

We connect with others to achieve more together



#### **CREATE**

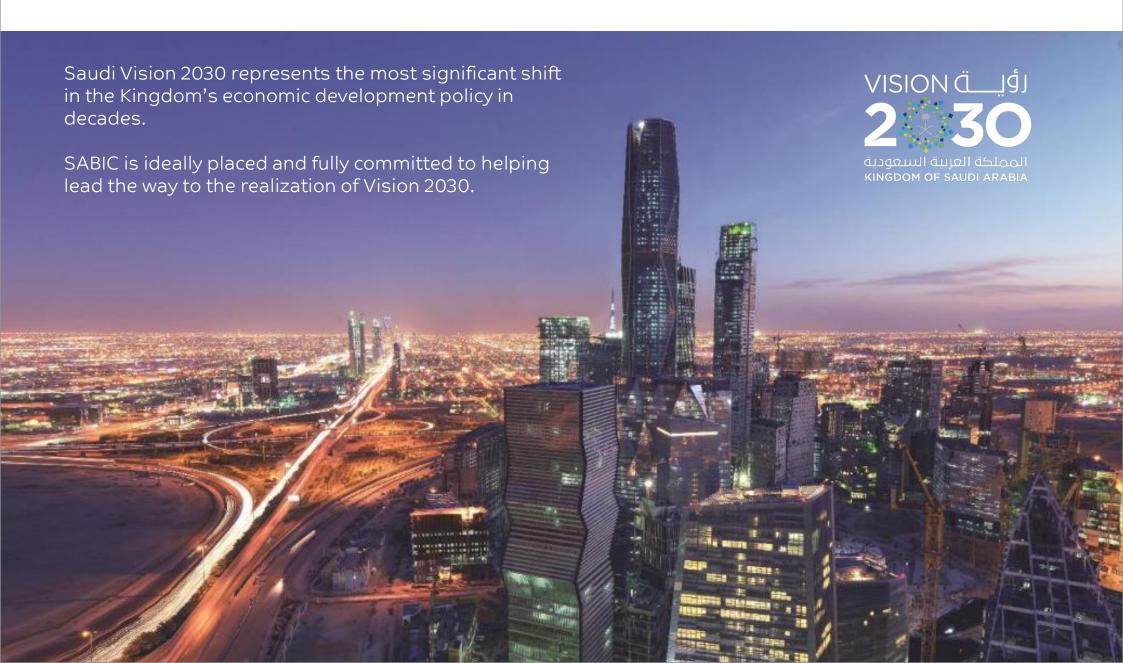
We find and embrace new and better ways of working



#### **DELIVER**

We take responsibility to drive meaningful results

## COMMITTED TO LEADING THE WAY TOWARDS THE REALIZATION OF VISION 2030

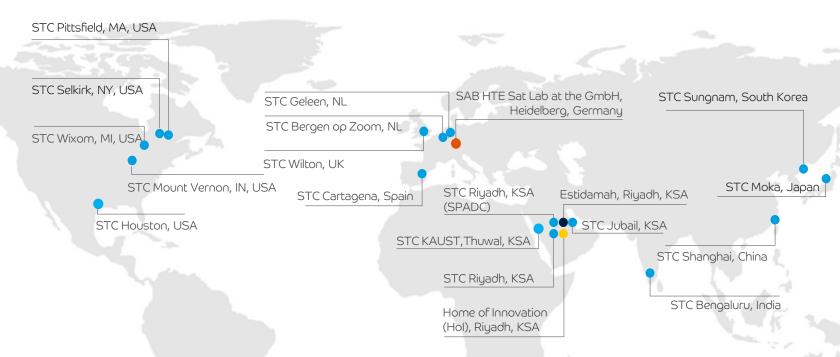


### SABIC GLOBAL T&I CENTERS

SABIC corporate Technology and Innovation offers a full range of technological research, development and technical services to SABIC's businesses in chemicals, polymers, Agrinutrients, Metals and specialties. SABIC T&I operations span North America, Europe, and Asia through various technology centers. These centers provide support to SABIC businesses and production facilities around the globe. We make chemicals, plastics, and other basic materials, for everything from toys to cosmetics to aircraft components. An immense R&D efforts, with the cooperation of commercial partners and experts from some of the world's leading academic institutions brings a steady stream of improvements that help our customers make product better, lighter, and more affordable in ways that help protect the environment and deliver CHEMISTRY THAT MATTERS™.

WE HELP OUR CUSTOM-ERS MAKE PRODUCTS BETTER, LIGHTER, AND MORE AFFORDABLE IN WAYS THAT HELP PRO-TECT THE ENVIRONMENT



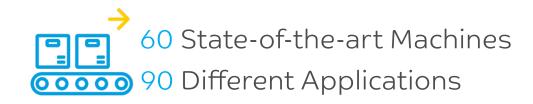


- Technology centers
- Briefing center
- Satellite center
- Agri -nutrients operated center

## SABIC PLASTIC APPLICATIONS DEVELOPMENT CENTER (SPADC)

42,000m<sup>2</sup> with 300+ Scientists, Engineers and Technicians







Create
a catalyst for new
ideas and thinking







## A SHORT HISTORY OF SPADC



- Material development.
- Affiliate support.
- Conceptual design & predictive engineering.
- Product prototyping.
- Application development.
- Collaboration center & demonstration home to stimulate demand.
- - Carbon fiber equipment. - More compounding and
  - extrusion lines.
  - Advance Design and Additive Manufacturing (ADAM) lab.

- A comprehensive suite of capabilities helping us to achieve our ambition of delivering sustainable products and differentiated innovation that meet the needs of our customers and stakeholders and help realize Saudi Vision 2030.

Commodity

+ Engineering Thermoplastics

+ Extrusion and ADAM

+ Polyurethane and Polyamide



### **OUR OBJECTIVE**

SPADC has both external and internal objectives. Externally, SPADC chiefly seeks to provide an excellent level of support to our customer base by providing valuable insights into polymer applications, including processing and characterization. SPADC also seeks to foster a collaborative environment for academia and SABIC to come together and provide novel solutions to the world's most pressing problems. Internally, SPADC seeks to support our varied network of affiliates by suggesting solutions to any issues that might come up on the manufacturing forefront as well as envisioning new applications for SABIC to serve with its growing portfolio of innovative materials. SPADC also supports its growing population of scientists by providing capabilities and competencies SPADC serves as a research hub that synergizes with the expanding network of SABIC's T&I centers around the world, supporting the various application segments under SABIC T&I.

## SOME OF THE SEGMENTS THAT WE FOCUS ON





## WHAT WE DO AT SPADC

#### **QUALITY ASSURANCE**

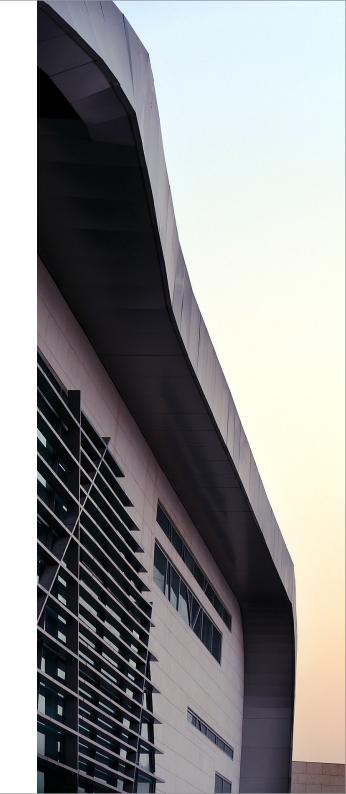
Our goal is to assist our customers maximize their productivity by optimizing methods. This can be achieved by using state-of the-art testing equipment and services, which can be customized to suit the requirements of any

#### REVERSE ENGINEERING

We have the capability of investigative chemical analysis for separation, compositional identification, and in-depth understanding of any product in terms of ingredient quantification. We can also perform root cause analysis to resolve contamination or product failure issues. This is a vital tool for trouble shooting, particularly in new product development, since it allows the development of mitigation plans to curtail repetitive failure.

#### **SIMULATION**

We also have the capability of predictive engineering via process simulation and modeling. This is the most -time and cost- effective approach as well as a safer first option preceding actual experimentation.



## STRATEGIC INDUSTRIES WE SERVE



#### **PACKAGING**

SABIC polymers can help food and beverage producers meet their goals while still providing sustainable benefits like lightweighting and environmentally-focused initiatives.



#### **CLEAN ENERGY**

SABIC polymers can help create sustainable renewable-energy solutions for the future.



#### **ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS**

Manufacturers need to make products in a cost-effective manner, yet meet consumers' expectations for style, ease of use and sustainability. Our materials are the foundation for the next generation of electronic devices.



#### CONSTRUCTION

We provide products to architects and builders who seek solutions to satisfy public demand for environmentally responsible structures while providing design.



#### HEALTHCARE & PERSONAL HYGIENE

To support customers with the changing requirements in the healthcare and pharmaceutical industries, SABIC continues to develop new materials and processing expertise. Our recent innovations focus on addressing important trends such as the need for portable technologies and reduction of healthcare associated infections.



#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Automobiles, aircraft, and other vehicles require new approaches to meet the ever-rising safety, emission reduction and design freedom requirements amongst others. We put our material design and technical expertise to work to help OEMs meet these challenges and drive innovation to new levels.

## SPADC AT A GLANCE

#### **MATERIALS**





Polyethylene (PE)
Polypropylene (PP)
Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)
Polystyrene (PS)
Polyethylene Terephthalate
(PET)
Elastomers
 (EPDM, SBR, PBR)
Engineering Thermoplastics
 (PC, ABS, POM, PMMA)
Fibers
Polyurethane (PU)

#### **PROCESSING**





Mixing & Compounding
Injection Molding
Extrusion
Thermoforming
Harsh Weathering
Part Testing
ADAM Lab

#### **FEATURES**





Mechanical
Chemical
Optical
Thermal & Rheology
Weathering
Analytical
Wire & Cable
Rubber & Carbon Black
Fibers
Thermosets



## PROCESSING CAPABILITES A DEEPER LOOK

SPADC is a state-of-the-art facility with processing capabilities covering many areas to serve the various needs of our customers and our researchers.

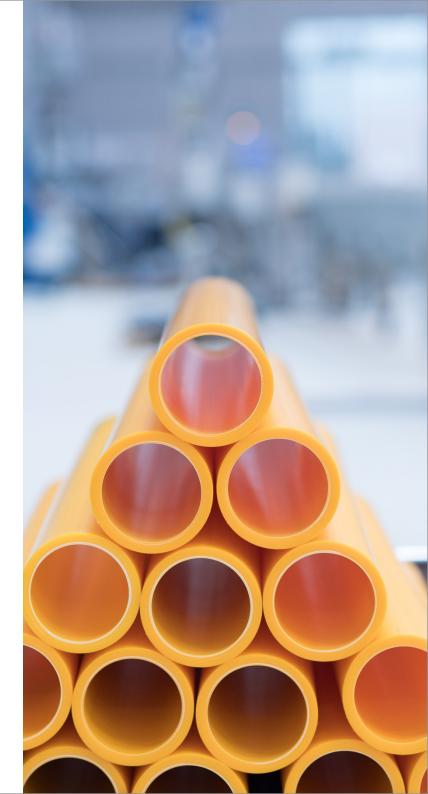
Molding

Extrusion

Mixing & Compounding

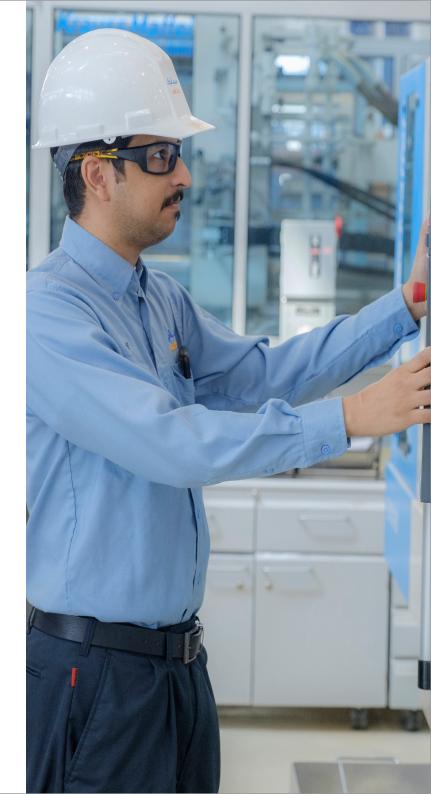
Rubber Processing

Composites



## MOLDING

SPADC's molding capabilities include equipment that offer excellent processing. These molding techniques include injection molding, blow molding and stretch blow molding. SPADC is also equipped with a thermoforming machine to round out our capabilities portfolio.



## **EXTRUSION**

SPADC's capabilities also include a variety of extruders that are essential for the cutting-edge research happening at SPADC.

- Blown Film Extrusion
- Cast Film Extrusion
- Profile Extrusion
- Sheet Extrusion
- Pipe Extrusion
- Fiber Spinning



## MIXING & COMPOUNDING

Our mixing capabilities extend to handling powders, pellets and liquid additives. Those capabilities are suitable for batches ranging from 1 kg to 100 kg. In addition to a wide variety of compounding technologies, SPADC is equipped with a pulverizer to convert pellets into powder as well as multiple pelletizing systems, which can produce pellets of various shapes.



## RUBBER PROCESSING

SPADC boasts of comprehensive suite of capabilities when it comes to handling elastomers. State-of-the-art equipment are available for our stakeholders to work with rubber. Some of the rubber handling capabilities include a banbury mixer, a profile extrusion line, an injection molding line, a compression molding line, as well as multiple rubber mills.



## COMPOSITES

SPADC strives to be at the cutting edge of technology to be able to consistently serve our stakeholders. Therefore, the center is equipped with various technologies for the handling of carbon fibers and carbon fiber reinforced composites. SPADC has a compression molding setup, a resin transfer molding setup, as well as a towpreg workcell setup.



# SPADC'S PHYSICAL FEATURES



Mechanical and Optical Lab



Thermal and Rheology Lab



Gel Count Lab



Weathering Lab



### MECHANICAL AND OPTICAL LAB

Mechanical testing provides support for research and development, problem solving to fulfill the various needs of simulation analysis. The tests are suitable for plastics, polymers and elastomers.

Tensile Stress Strain	Izod/Charpy Impact Test	Color&Yellowness Index
Rebound Resilience - Rubber	Tear Resistance - Films	Hottack/Sealing – Films



### THERMAL AND RHEOLOGY LAB

Thermal analysis is used to study transitions, dimensional changes and crystallinity, while rheological analysis is used to study flow behavior and molecular structure differences through various ranges of shear rates.

Melt Flow Rate	Low Shear Rheology	Rubber Process Analyzer
Vicat Softening Point	High Shear Rheology	TGA/DSC Analysis



## **GEL COUNT LAB**

Gel count testing monitors film quality and detects surface defects such as gels, black specks and fish eyes.

Gel count – Cast Film	Film gloss 20/60°	Haze meter
In-line haze meter	Film thickness	Gel count – Blown Film



## SPADC'S CHEMICAL **FEATURES**



Wet Chemistry



Chromatography





Carbon Black Testing



## CHEMICAL CHARACTERIZATION CAPABILITIES

Densitometer

Column Density

Ash Content

Viscometer

Oil Absorption Number

**HPLC** 

GC-GCMS

Pyrolysis GC

FTIR

**UV-Vis Spectroscopy** 



### ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING

Additive Manufacturing or 3D Printing is a process of creating three dimensional physical objects from digital model. The creation of a 3D printed solid object is done using an additive process. In an additive process, an object is made by depositing the material in layers until the entire object is created

#### **ADVANTAGES OF AM**

Faster to Market

Complex Design

Improved Material Properties







#### SABIC GLOBAL ROLE

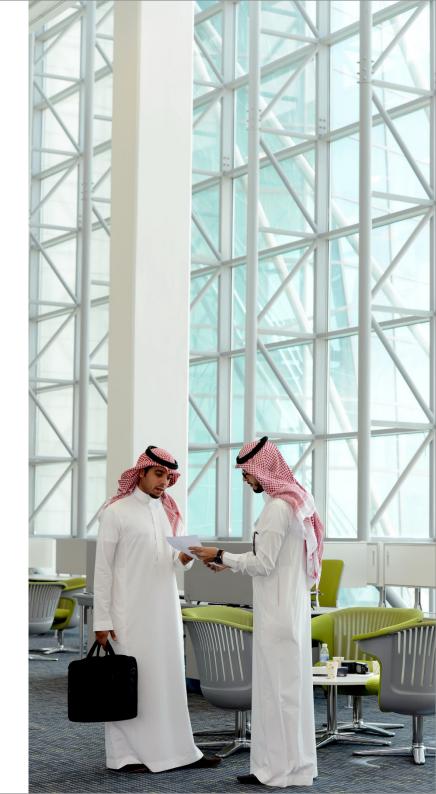
Additive Manufacturing

**Application Development** 

Material Development

## SUPPORT & COOPERATION

As part of our research efforts, we collaborate with other corporations and international research entities. This usually means that we form a partnership to initiate a project, and then jointly fund and supervise the research through to completion. This approach results in finding the best cost-effective solutions to any complex technical problem with the involvement of global experts. It also accelerates the execution of the selected projects to innovate and make the difference for our customers and for us.



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