



Corporate
PROFILE
GRUPE SNPE

- Energetic materials
- Fine chemicals
- Speciality chemicals
- Redeployment and services

GROUPE SNPE's core business is the design and production of energetic materials. SNPE is the only manufacturer in Europe with its own R&D center dedicated to these materials.

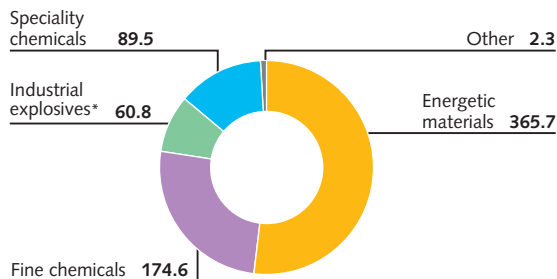
SNPE also produces industrial and energetic nitrocellulose. The Group is a recognized specialist in complex synthesis processes for fine chemicals, based on its expertise in nitration, phosgenation and hydrogenation.

SNPE is organized in three business branches, each covering a specific market segment, and has 3,620 employees worldwide (based on percentage of consolidation).

All operations at SNPE are underpinned by an ongoing focus on industrial safety and environmental protection. SNPE is also a recognized service provider in the identification and treatment of pyrotechnic pollution.

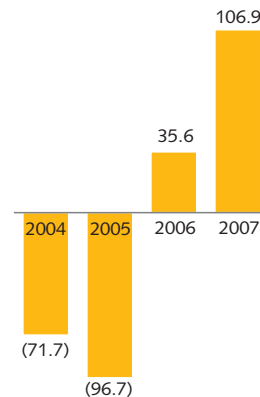
SNPE posted consolidated sales of 693 million euros in 2007, including 53 percent in export markets.

Sales by business sector
(millions of euros, 2007)



*Business sold on December 20, 2007

Net income, Group share
(millions of euros)



Domestic/International sales
(millions of euros, 2007)





The Energetic materials branch manufactures propellant grains and energetic subsystems for the defense, aerospace and automotive industries, as well as explosives and propellants for military applications, and the fuel additive 2-EHN (ethyl hexyl nitrate). The company's expertise in energetic materials, unrivaled in Europe, is anchored in its Le Bouchet Research Center, coupled with in-depth knowledge of safety and environmental protection.

SNPE Matériaux Énergétiques and its subsidiaries operate in the following sectors:

- **Strategic propulsion**, by developing and producing propellant grains for the M51 missile, as well as for the gas generators used in deterrent systems;
- **Space propulsion**, from the production of small solid propellant grains to the development of the two powerful MPS solid rocket motors for Ariane 5, as well as the production of key raw materials, including ammonium perchlorate and Mono Methyl Hydrazine;
- **Automotive safety**: SNPE Matériaux Énergétiques designs, develops and produces energetic components for gas generators used in airbag deployment, safety belt tensioning and other applications;
- **Pyrotechnic equipment** that meets the demanding requirements of the aerospace, defense and manufacturing industries, through its subsidiary PyroAlliance;
- **High-performance composite materials** and intermediate products for the production of engineered parts for aerospace, defense, sports and leisure applications, through its subsidiary STRUCTIL;
- **Explosives and propellants**, through the subsidiary EURENCO, a partnership between SNPE Matériaux Énergétiques, Saab and Patria. EURENCO makes energetic products used in missile warheads, munitions and pyrotechnic devices for military or industrial use;

- **Tactical propulsion**, via subsidiary ROXEL, the leading European manufacturer of solid rocket motors for tactical missiles, equally owned by SNPE Matériaux Énergétiques and MBDA;
- **Industrial risk management**, via SME Environment, a specialist in pyrotechnic safety;
- **Fire resistance tests** for materials used in construction and railways, through SNPE Matériaux Énergétiques' Fire Testing Laboratory, certified to ISO9001:2000 and ISO14001:2004, and accredited by COFRAC.



Operating in the fine chemicals market, **ISOICHEM** is a specialist in complex synthesis processes. It covers a wide variety of organic synthesis reactions, and offers proven expertise in reactions at very low temperatures, as well as nitration, phosgenation and hydrogenation.

ISOICHEM offers the exclusive, customized manufacture of innovative molecules for customers in all of its markets, under strictly confidential conditions.

In the healthcare market, for example, ISOICHEM is a major player in amino acids chemistry and multi-stage synthesis processes. For the plant protection market, ISOICHEM offers various intermediates and active ingredients.

ISOICHEM also offers a range of synthesis intermediates for cosmetics, photography, electronics and other industries.



BERGERAC NC is a first rank player in the industrial nitrocellulose, mainly used in the formulation of inks, paints and varnishes. With a production plant in Bergerac, southwest France, BERGERAC NC offers dedicated product lines for these markets.

BERGERAC NC is a shareholder in CNC (China Nitrocellulose Company), which manufactures and markets industrial nitrocellulose in the Asia-Pacific region.

With production units in Europe and Asia, plus a distribution network spanning more than 50 countries worldwide, BERGERAC NC provides local solutions to meet each customer's specific requirements.

BERGERAC NC also distributes energetic nitrocellulose made by MANUCO, a subsidiary jointly owned with the Spanish company MAXAM. This nitrocellulose is used in explosives and propellants for both civil and military applications.

DURLIN France, a specialized nail polish subsidiary, builds its expertise on cutting-edge research. It offers a wide range of products that meet the specific requirements of the cosmetics industry.



Redeployment and services, an operating unit of **SNPE**, manages the impact of shutting down industrial facilities at SNPE sites, and applies the measures needed to restore production on these sites, after refurbishment if necessary.

The Redeployment and services unit is in charge of defining and overseeing:

- **Programs to deconstruct** older units;
- **Land pollution cleanup programs**, based on in-depth diagnoses and analyses of health risks (studies are submitted to the regional industry, research and environment directorates, DRIRE, to help establish the terms and conditions for termination of operations and refurbishment);
- **Consulting with local authorities** to foster the development of projects for new uses of the sites; this helps determine the level of pollution cleanup needed;
- **Programs to reestablish production at these sites**, in order to propose the installation of companies specialized in businesses that complement those of SNPE companies already on site;
- **Site restructuring programs**, if applicable, to consolidate the Group's industrial organization and welcome new industrial partners.

The Redeployment and services unit operates at the Toulouse, Angoulême, Sorgues and Bergerac sites.

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