

Minister for the Environment; Åsa Romson wants to see tougher measures against environmental toxins.



Discussion on hazardous chemicals has long been a hot topic in the media and in the political debates. But who really takes action? Are there options to choose from?

The Swedish government is now establishing a 'Centre for Chemical Substitution' to power producers and consumers to discard harmful chemicals and instead use environmentally friendly alternatives. This is no longer a utopia, but there are plenty of eco-friendly options on the market already, which provides at least as good functionality and is also cost effective. So there are no longer any excuses for the industries not to choose environmentally friendly alternatives!

The Swedish Minister for the Environment Åsa Romson today visited OrganoClick in Stockholm, Täby to advertise the government's new venture. OrganoClick scientists have conducted research in the area of chemical substitution since the mid-90s. They have observed nature's own mechanisms and tried to mimic desired features such as water repellence, rot protection, flame resistance, strength, etc. using natural substances that can be applied in industry.

"We are here at OrganoClick today because I want to show an alternative that already exists when it comes to removing hazardous chemicals from commercial products in the industry. As an example, pressure-treated wood, that people use in their gardens or water-repellent clothing. This feels especially important now when spring arrives and people want to spend time outdoors, then you really want to feel that you are wearing good materials." Åsa Romson, Minister for the Environment & Deputy Prime Minister of Sweden.

Where do we encounter these hazardous chemicals? PFAS like fluorocarbons are some of the dangerous chemicals frequently discussed in the media and that we want to avoid. These exist in for example impregnation of clothing and textiles, detergents, waxes, etc. They are also used in surface treatment of food packaging and the manufacturing of pots and pans. PFAS has in animal studies been shown to have effects on the reproductive, immune and endocrine systems. The evidence suggests that humans are affected in the same way.

"There are often environmentally friendly alternatives to a lot of toxic chemicals but they do not live up to the same functional standards. We want to offer environmentally friendly chemical products and materials that are as good, or better, function as the toxic chemicals. Products must also be manufactured cost-effectively so that they can be sold at a price that makes sense to make an impact with consumers." Mårten Hellberg CEO at OrganoClick.

About OrganoClick

OrganoClick AB (publ) is a public Swedish cleantech company listed on Nasdaq First North. The company develops, produces and markets functional materials based on environmentally friendly fiber chemistry. Examples of products that are marketed by OrganoClick are the water repellent fabric treatment OrganoTex®, the flame and rot-resistant timber OrganoWood® and biocomposite materials. OrganoClick was founded in 2006 as a commercial spin-off company based on research performed at Stockholm University and the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences within environmentally friendly fiber chemistry. OrganoClick has won a number of prizes, such as "Sweden's Most Promising Start -up" and "Sweden's Best Environmental Innovation", and has also received a number of awards, such as the WWF "Climate Solver" award and has also appeared for two years on the Affärsvärldens and NyTekniks list of Sweden's top 33 hottest technology companies. OrganoClick has its head office, production and R&D located in Täby, north of Stockholm. OrganoClick's Certified Adviser on Nasdaq First North is Pareto Securities AB.

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