

# **CHARACTERIZATION SERVICES**

AVEKA provides analytical testing services for customers on a one-time or ongoing basis using a variety of characterization techniques. Our Chemists will work closely with you to conduct routine and advanced material characterization testing for a variety of industries including chemical, food, personal care, and many more. Choose AVEKA when you need precise and reliable results with a quick turnaround.



### PARTICLE SIZE ANALYSIS

- Particles 3nm to 2+ mm
- Particle Size Distribution (PSD)
- Sonic Sieve
- Ro-Tap
- Coulter Counter

### IMAGING (PARTICLE SHAPE ANALYSES)

- Optical Microscopy
- Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM)
- Dynamic Imaging Analysis

### AREA AND DENSITY

BET Surface Area

### FORMULATION ANALYSIS

- Thermogravimetric Analysis (TGA)
- Visible Spectrophotometer
- Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC)
- Conductivity and pH
- High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC)

### ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

- Zeta Potential Analysis
- Fluid & Powder Rheological Analysis
- Moisture & Solids Analysis
- Karl Fisher Titration
- FT4 Powder Rheometer
- Energy-Dispersive X-ray Spectroscopy for Elemental ID (EDS)

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- **FULL SERVICE LABORATORY**
- **DIVERSE CAPABILITIES**
- **COMPETITIVE PRICING**
- **FAST SAMPLE TURNAROUND**
- PRECISE AND RELIABLE
- **ISO 9001 CERTIFIED**



### SURFACE COAT POWDER WITH SILANE

How much silane was added to our material?

- Thermogravimetric Analysis
- Is our final moisture content within the specifications?
- Karl Fischer Titration

Can I make the surface of my active hydrophobic or more compatible with a resin?

 Thermogravimetric Analysis, High Shear Mixing with Rheological Analysis

Will my powder flow out of the hopper?

• FT4 Powder Rheometer

Has the flow of my powder changed after surface modification?

FT4 Powder Rheometer

### CERAMIC PARTICLE SIZE REDUCTION

What particle size and morphology exist after milling?

Particle Size Distribution, Scanning Electron Microscopy

What elements are present in the powder? Can any foreign material be identified?

 SEM Microscopy followed by EDS Elemental Mapping

Does the viscosity of the ceramic slurry meet specifications?

- Rheological Analysis
- Are my particles multi-shaped?
- Horiba Camsizer

# FORMULATION OF NUTRACEUTIAL EMULSION FOR SPRAY DRYING

Is there a variation between batches or contamination?

- High Performance Liquid Chromatography Is our emulsion stable?
- Zeta Potential

Are there issues with temperature changes post production?

- Differential Scanning Calorimetry
   Do we need to protect our material from oxygen or heat?
- Thermogravimetric Analysis



### **DRY, POWDERED GELLING AGENT**

What does the powder look like dry vs. gelled?

- Optical and Scanning Electron Microscopy
  Does the powder behave properly when gelled?
- Rheological Analysis

How does the gel behave with temperature change, cooking?

• Differential Scanning Calorimetry

### **ENCAPSULATED FRAGRANCE OILS**

What is the size of our product?

- Particle Size Distribution
- Is the product dry enough?
- Moisture and Solids Analysis Is the oil well encapsulated? Are the capsules cracked?
- Scanning Electron Microscopy
  What is the fraction of oil to shell material? Is oil release temperature dependent?
- Thermogravimetric Analysis Are my particles spherical?
- Horiba Camsizer

### THE AVEKA ADVANTAGE

- Development of unique test methods to be highly specific to customers' needs
- Fast 2-3 day turnaround
- Ever-expanding technical capability