Our work is concentrated on innovation and the development of value-adding technology. Using Sweden’s most extensive and advanced resources for technical evaluation, measurement technology, research and development, we make an important contribution to the competitiveness and sustainable development of industry. Research is carried out in close conjunction with universities and institutes of technology, to the benefit of a customer base of about 10,000 organisations, ranging from start-up companies developing new technologies or new ideas to international groups.

The Group’s comprehensive skills
Our various profile areas bring together technical departments and subsidiary companies. This enables us to meet requirements for a multidisciplinary approach and expertise in a wide range of fields and deliver high-quality results for all aspects of the innovation process, from research and technical development to market introduction assistance services.

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CBI, Swedish Cement and Concrete Research Institute - research, development, consultancy services and training in the fields of cement, concrete, rock materials and aggregate. 60% of CBI is owned by SP, and 40% by the CBI Foundation.

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SP Processum
SP Processum brings a cluster of companies and universities together in biorefinery matters and is host for the regional growth initiative "The Biorefinery of the Future". 60% of SP Processum is owned by SP, and 40% by over 20 member companies.

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YKI, Institute for Surface Chemistry
On January 1st 2013, YKI, Institute for Surface Chemistry and SP’s existing Chemistry and Materials business merged to form a new unit within the SP Group – SP Chemistry, Materials and Surfaces. The merger means that YKI will no longer exist as a stand-alone company, but will continue with business as usual in Stockholm.
Our Resources for the Forest-based Industry

As we are active in many disciplines, we offer a wide range of services to the pulp and forest-based industries. Our expertise in the development and evaluation of technology, materials, products and processes is internationally recognised and competitive. With our strong research environments, we represent a significant knowledge resource, which is continuously expanded through participation in research programs and partnerships with universities and institutes, both in Sweden and abroad.

SP Technical Research Institute of Sweden

Energy and environment

Development of sustainable technology requires multi-disciplinary knowledge and sustainable innovation processes, which are important parts of SP’s work. Energy efficiency, biorefineries, emissions, conversion and distribution of energy, and renewable energy are some of our areas of strength, complemented by energy and materials recovery, risk assessment, service life assessment and environmental management. We also use energy and environmental systems analyses in order to place technology in a wider context and to make use of system solutions and knowledge in strategic decision-making processes.

Examples:
- Industrial heat pumps for cooling and heating
- Process integration studies i.e. energy efficiency, new processes and units
- Optimization and validation of biorefinery processes in a demo plant
- Optimization and modeling of heat exchanger networks
- Optimization and modeling of evaporation plants

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Wood technology and wood in construction

Focus areas in wood technology and wood construction include methods to measure and control the quality of logs and sawn products, timber drying, durability of wood and paint on wood, adhesives and bonding, wood composites and chemical modification of wood, design rules for wooden structures and fire safety in wooden buildings.

The group is also active in developing innovative uses of wood and plant fiber materials in areas such as novel textile manufacture and biorefining high-value chemicals.

Examples:
- Cellulose dissolution
- Life cycle assessment
- Biobased binders
- Biobased coatings
- Biocomposites
- Modified wood and fibers

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Measurement and calibration

We help industry to solve measurement problems, calibrate measuring equipment and operate an extensive program of training in measurement technology. Our broad span of activities means that we have close contacts with several sectors, putting us in a unique position to offer a wide range of measurement technology services, not only in our purpose-built laboratories but also on site at our clients.

CBI, Swedish Cement and Concrete Research Institute

The business concept for the Swedish Cement and Concrete Research Institute (CBI) is to create, apply and disseminate knowledge within the field of cement, concrete, rock materials and aggregate. Innovation takes place through research and development. Application takes place through commissioned assignments, testing and inspection. Finally, technology dissemination takes place through training courses and information.

The commissioned assignments are important parts of CBI’s operations. The majority of the assignments are carried out by the Concrete Structures group.

Examples:
- Condition assessments
- Damage examinations
- Proposals for the repair including responsibility for the repair process
- Examination of moisture damages
- Examination of concrete structures that are suspected to contain aluminate cement.

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SP Processum

SP Processum started in 2003 and has developed into a leading biorefinery initiative, both on a national and international level. SP Processum supports the development of new products based either on renewable raw material or on residual streams, mainly from the forest industry. We have access to large networks in the biorefinery area and can connect new ideas with companies and universities in R&D projects in order to create green chemicals, green materials and biofuels. Our core competences are biotechnology, energy technology, inorganic and organic chemistry and lignocellulose feed stock.

We have possibilities to contribute to the financing of promising ideas in the biorefinery area through the SP Processum R&D council. In order to further strengthen and facilitate a quicker development from laboratory scale to full scale we have recently invested more than SKK 10 million in different pilot equipments.

SP Processum hosts the growth initiative “Biorefinery of the Future”. Processes and projects are jointly run with the goal of using forestry and energy crops as raw material in order to meet present energy and climate challenges. By focusing on sustainable development, the basis for long term regional and national growth is formed.

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