

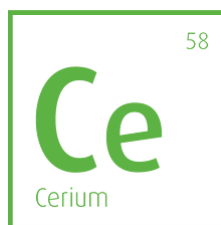


## **Season's Greetings from all at Umicore Marketing Services UK**

This year has flown by! As we've reached the end of November we've set our Christmas shutdown dates:

For any goods from stock, our last order date before Christmas is **21st December 2022** for delivery 22nd December 2022

First orders in the New Year will be processed on **4th January 2023** for delivery on 5th January 2023





## Why not amaze your family by scoring an extra point whilst watching University Challenge! (or want to look brilliant whilst watching Pointless?)

Following on from our past newsletters ([which you can find here](#)) we'd like to share our knowledge of a few more (they might come in handy at the pub quiz!)

- **Cerium (Ce)** is the most abundant rare earth metal
- **Lanthanum (La)** is a reactive rare earth metal
- **Manganese (Mn)** is a trace element, present in our bodies
- **Neodymium (Nd)** is a magnetic rare earth metal

What's the common denominator in all these? They're used for [EV batteries](#)!

Which brings us nicely to our next story:

## Umicore and PowerCo establish a joint venture for European battery materials production

- Unique within the European automotive industry, Umicore and Volkswagen Group's battery company PowerCo are to establish a large-scale supply chain for sustainable batteries
- The joint venture will invest € 3 billion and aim to produce battery materials for 2.2 million fully electric cars per year by the end of the decade
- Based in Brussels, the joint venture will provide Umicore secured access to an important part of European demand for EV cathode materials and cover a large part of supply for PowerCo's gigafactories in Europe

- This is a major milestone to help the European Union achieve its Green Deal ambitions

[Read More on the Joint Venture here](#)

## Your Reliability Partner

To achieve our RISE strategy (Reliability, Innovation, Sustainability and Excellence) [Umicore Marketing Services](#) is your **reliable** supplier for the UK and Ireland. We offer next day delivery on items in our stock and can develop bespoke products that fulfil your unique requirements. [Get in touch](#) to discuss your needs.

## Your Innovation Partner

Together with [Umicore Thin Film Products](#) we'll be attending the [SPIE Photonex](#) exhibition in Birmingham on 7th December. Umicore Thin Film can offer you a wide range of highly effective coating materials for physical vapor deposition. It's extensive experience and **innovation** has created targets and evaporation materials which are continuously optimized for maximum performance in a wide variety of coating systems. Please let us know if you want to meet up to discuss your requirements by [emailing](#) us.

## Your Sustainability Partner

Umicore has **sustainability** at its core. To achieve this we're thinking BIG: carbon-neutral growth, green power, energy efficiency, plus inspiring society by developing innovative solutions that speed up the transition to a climate-positive future. As a tech company aimed at sustainability, we're betting it all on distinctive technological approaches to decarbonization, like carbon capture and storage.

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## Your Excellence Partner

Umicore Shokubai USA has won an award for Sustainable Procurement from Nissan Motor Corporation of the Americas at their 2022 Annual Supplier Appreciation Event, repeating their achievement of 2021. This was made possible because of all our colleagues' tremendous work and cooperation and shows that Umicore brings **excellence**, innovation, expertise, sustainability, and execution to its customers. If you want to read more about it, [here's an article](#).

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