

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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SCHEDULE 13G  
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. \_\_\_\_\_)\*

DYNAMIC MATERIALS CORPORATION  
(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK, \$.05 PAR VALUE  
(Title of Class of Securities)

267888105  
(CUSIP Number)

January 14, 1999  
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)  
 Rule 13d-1(c)  
 Rule 13d-1(d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1.	Name of Reporting Person La Societe Nationale des Poudres et Explosifs ("SNPE")	IRS Number
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2.	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group*
a.	_____
b.	_____ Not Applicable.

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3.	SEC Use Only
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4.	Citizenship or Place of Organization SNPE is a French corporation wholly owned by the government of France.
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Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With	5.	Sole Voting Power	0
	6.	Shared Voting Power	393,400
	7.	Sole Dispositive Power	0
	8.	Shared Dispositive Power	393,400

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9.	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 393,400
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10.	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row 9 Excludes Certain Shares* _____ Not Applicable.
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11.	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row 9
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12. Type of Reporting Person\*  
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\* See Instructions

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Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

The name of the issuer is DYNAMIC MATERIALS CORPORATION ("DMC").

Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

The address of DMC's principal executive office is 551 Aspen Ridge Drive, Lafayette, Colorado, 80026

Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing:

This Statement on Schedule 13-G is being filed by La Societe Nationale des Poudres et Explosifs ("SNPE"). SNPE is a wholly owned subsidiary of the French Government. (See Exhibit I)

Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office:

The principal business office of SNPE is 12, Quai Henri IV, 75181 Paris Cedex 04, France.

Item 2(c). Citizenship:

SNPE is a French corporation.

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:

This statement relates to the Common Stock, \$.05 par value of DMC (the "Common Stock").

Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:

The CUSIP number of the Common Stock is 267888105.

Item 3. Not applicable.

Item 4. Ownership

- (a) SNPE beneficially owns 393,400 shares of the Common Stock.
- (b) SNPE beneficially owns 14.44% of the 2,723,666 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of the date hereof.

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(c) Number of shares as to which SNPE has:

- (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 0
- (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 393,400
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 393,400

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

Not applicable.

- Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person  
  
Not applicable.
- Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company  
  
Not applicable.
- Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group  
  
Not applicable.
- Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group  
  
Not applicable.
- Item 10. Certifications

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: January 21, 1999

SNPE, S.A.

By: /s/ Jean Faure  
Name: Jean Faure  
Title: President and CEO

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EXHIBITS

Exhibit	Description	Page No.
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EXHIBIT I

Nobel Explosifs France, the corporation that acquired the security, is a wholly owned subsidiary of SNPE. SNPE is a wholly owned subsidiary of the French Government.

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