

Press Release

Success for TALKE at the ENFIT CLEANING AWARD 2010

TALKE & PROTEC develop innovative system for preventing falls in cleaning plant. * The ENFIT CLEANING AWARD jury acclaim this valuable idea and award it first prize in the category 'Safety at Work/General Plant Safety'. *

Hürth / Hamburg, 23rd April 2010. ALFRED TALKE GmbH & Co. KG and PROTEC GmbH have collaborated in a joint project to develop an innovative system for preventing falls in cleaning plant, which will make entering and working in storage tanks, boilers and containers much safer. By the third quarter of 2010, all cleaning plant at TALKE Logistic Services will be equipped with the new safety system which has already been tested in the cleaning facility at the TALKE site in Stade.

Until now, ensuring the safety of staff tasked with the cleaning of storage tanks, boilers and containers has been difficult. Smooth, partially rounded surfaces combined with humidity and cleaning agents create a dangerous environment. Traditional height safety devices, such as fall arresters, are still in frequent use today, but seriously limits the freedom of movement of cleaning personnel and entails additional risks such as the danger of getting caught in flushing heads, hoses, pipes and the like during routine operations.

The newly developed safety system provides a solution. The walkways on storage tanks, boilers and containers are secured by a peripheral safety railing which is effective in preventing falls without limiting freedom of movement. In addition to this newly acquired freedom of movement, features of the system which are particularly worthy of note are its variability, which means that it can be infinitely adapted to fit any type of container and incline, and the speeding up of the cleaning process.

This development was commended by the jury of the 2010 ENFIT CLEANING AWARDS, held for the first time this year. It was chosen as the winner in the 'Safety at Work/General Plant Safety' category at a gala evening held at the CleanLog Congress in Hamburg on 22nd April.

ENFIT e.V. ENFIT (the European Federation for the Promotion of Innovative Technologies for Cleaning, Logistics Management and Service for Bulk Transport and Storage Tanks) has set itself the goal of promoting innovative ideas and technologies in the areas of cleaning, management, process engineering, regulations and standards, environmental and health protection, quality assurance and documentation.

ENFIT CLEANING AWARD The ENFIT CLEANING AWARD 2010 recognises individuals and companies who have set new standards in the fields of Safety at Work/General Plant Safety, Environmental Protection/Energy Efficiency, Container Management

and Cleaning Innovation. The CLEANING AWARD was presented for the first time at the 2010 CleanLog Congress held in Hamburg on 22nd April.

PROTEC GmbH PROTEC GmbH, an engineering company specialising in wastewater treatment and control technology, has made a name for itself in the field of internal tank cleaning by providing turnkey solutions. This Ahrensburg-based company also develops and markets a wide range of chemicals for production and process engineering. Its technical and chemical products are sold by its own in-house sales engineers.

For more than 20 years, PROTEC has also been serving the needs of municipal and industrial customers in the fields of solid-liquid separation, wastewater processing and air purification. In addition, PROTEC designs, develops, manufactures, assembles and sells machinery and plant for sludge de-watering and sludge thickening.

TALKE Logistic Services Established in 1947, the TALKE Group is a leading logistics service provider to the chemical and petrochemical industry in Europe, the Gulf States and Asia. From its origins in the field of transporting and warehousing chemical products, TALKE has developed into an integrated service partner for modern outsourcing and contract logistics solutions. The family-owned and -led company currently employs more than 1,600 staff and subcontractors at 24 sites in Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

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