

Press release

LyondellBasell building on TALKE

TALKE Logistic Services wins tender to build new HDPE logistics facility at LyondellBasell plant in Münchsmünster, Germany * Construction to begin in February *

Hürth, Münchsmünster / Germany, 18 February 2008. Following the successful completion of projects in Europe and the Middle East, ALFRED TALKE has been chosen by LyondellBasell to design and build a logistics facility for the chemical company at an industrial park in Münchsmünster, a town in Bavaria. The order covers construction of a turnkey logistical centre including a two-level silo farm, packaging facility, offices and break rooms as well as 16,500m² of paved outside surface.

The logistics facility will be used for storage and handling of "Hostalen", a high-density polyethylene (HDPE) resin produced by LyondellBasell. HDPEs are primarily used to make water and natural gas piping systems, cable insulation and packaging materials such as shrink wrap.

The two-level installation, made up of 21 silos (each with a 900°m³ capacity), will be directly linked to production via feed lines. The product can be filled from the silos into a choice of 25°kg bags, lorries or containers. The two bagging lines to be located on the upper floor of the silo structure are wheel-mounted and can be shifted around underneath the silos. The advantage to the two-level design is that bagging activities can be carried out in the upper level of the facility at the same time as lorry and container loading in the lower level.

Initially, HDPE turnout will be around 220,000 metric tons per year. But because of the anticipated growth in demand for Hostalen, production was designed so that output can be raised in stages to 320,000 tonnes annually.

TALKE's Logistic Solutions unit is responsible for the project. The international team of specialists has already worked together successfully on past construction projects similar to this one. And, at less than 14 months, the short planning and construction phase for the current site is more proof of the company's vast experience and high degree of specialisation.

At the contract signing at Basell's largest production site in Wesseling, Germany, on 8 February, representatives of both companies were very satisfied.

"The tight deadline for construction of just over a year meant the demands on bidders in terms of expertise were accordingly high," explained Günther Köhl, the project engineer at LyondellBasell responsible for logistics at the Münchsmünster

plant. "Besides commercial factors, it was most of all the precise planning that tipped the scales in TALKE's favour."

"We're pleased about the fact that the Münchsmünster undertaking will enable us to continue developing our proficiency in building silo logistics facilities," stressed TALKE Managing Director Armin that the excellent long-standing relationship between Talke. "And we're also pleased LyondellBasell and TALKE is taking on a new dimension with this project."

TALKE Logistic Services The TALKE group, established in 1947, is a leading logistics service provider for the chemical and petrochemical industry in Europe, the Persian Gulf states and Asia. TALKE developed from its roots transporting and storing chemical products into an integrated service partner for modern outsourcing and contract logistics solutions. The family owned and operated company has more than 1,600 employees and subcontractors in a network of 23 locations in Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

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