

Press Release

State-of-the-art silo plant for ABS synthetic materials inaugurated

First construction project of Global TALKE completed successfully * Innovative loading system implemented * Collaboration at location Tarragona perfected

Hürth, Tarragona, 29th May 2007. The new silo farm for the production of ABS synthetic materials of Lustran Polymers was inaugurated in Tarragona and officially handed over to the customer on 24th May 2007. The construction of the plant was carried out alongside the expansion and operation of the existing production site. Both planning and construction were entirely handled by Global-TALKE S.L. and an international project team. The Spanish-German joint venture is operating the plant with its own personnel. After having taken over the plant logistics of the client Bayer in Barcelona successfully, the young enterprise is now gaining a foothold in the region Tarragona with this project.

The work on the silos holding up to 600 cubic metres was completed and concluded on time - within an ambitious schedule which had provided for a planning and construction phase of 10 months.

The new plant is one phase of the Lustran Polymers capacity extension at the location Tarragona. The implementation of individual construction sections during the running production operation was a challenge for the specialists of Global TALKE in the construction period.

Apart from the demanding construction phase, the complex cleansing system which excludes contamination and pollution of the final product, and the state-of-the-art IT-aided loading system of Global-TALKE implemented for the first time in Spain provide further particularities of the plant. By the camera on the discharge slide valve of each silo mounted for the loading system, the driver can detect the exact position of the loading openings with the help of a mobile computer (PDA) and position these precisely. The climb onto the silo truck, which has now become superfluous, not only saves time but clearly increases the level of safety.

Dr. Stefan Michel, General Manager Lustran Polymers and Armin Talke, Managing Director of TALKE Logistic Services, inaugurated the plant by symbolically cutting the ribbon. In their opening speech the two mentioned their great satisfaction with the course taken by the project and the prospect to extend the still young collaboration. "The start-up is an important milestone for us in the strategic realignment of our business. By upgrading silos of a capacity of up to 600 cubic meters we can now serve our customers more effectively from Tarragona", said Dr. Michel.

Armin Talke commented satisfied "We are convinced that the plant inaugurated today is only a first step in the future collaboration with Lustran Polymers in Spain. We are certainly most interested in being among the preferential contact partners for our customer and supply chain oriented solutions on the Iberian Peninsula in future projects, too".

Lustran Polymers is the new name of the LANXESS Business Unit Styrenic Resins. With this new name, the business unit of the chemical corporation backs the leading brand name Lustran®. The change of the name is a consequence of the repositioning of the business, as has already taken place, to ABS specialities and coloured versions.

Global-TALKE headquartered in Tarragona, Spain, is a joint venture with 50 per cent participation each of Global Spedition and TALKE Logistic Services. The company, founded in December 2005, offers the complete all-round logistics portfolio to its customers in the chemical and petrochemical industry on the Iberian Peninsula. Apart from the offer of standardised services, Global-TALKE would, particularly, like to position itself in the market with customised logistics concepts. Apart from the onsite activities, the highly flexible plant designed as multi-user plant logistics centre in Tarragona offers its customers the possibility to avail themselves of a reliable partner offsite too.

TALKE Logistic Services The TALKE-Gruppe, founded 1947, is a leading logistics service provider for the chemical and petrochemical industry in Europe, the Middle East and Asia. From its roots in the field of transportation and warehousing of chemical products, TALKE developed into an integrated service partner for modern outsourcing and contract logistics solutions. The family-managed company has over 1,600 employees on its payroll in a network of 23 locations in Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

Global Spedition Offers solutions for distribution and logistics, particularly to customers of the chemical industry. These solutions include conveyance, warehousing and additional services, intermodal transport and customs clearance. The corporation, headquartered in Zaragoza, disposes of nine branches in Spain.

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