

Press Release

TALKE first company to be SQAS Packaged Warehouse assessed

New assessment for storage facilities supplements assessment of road transport and tank cleaning – Assessment of all ten TALKE storage facilities to be completed in the beginning of 2006

Huerth, July 2005. Being the first company in Germany and the third in Europe to do so, ALFRED TALKE GmbH & Co. KG, Huerth near Cologne, have performed an assessment according to SQAS Packaged Warehouse. The CEFIC (Conseil Européen de l'Industrie Chimique/European Chemical Industry Council) has developed this new assessment method especially for the storage activities of logistic service providers for the chemical industry. It has been released in January, 2005.

CEFIC's SQAS (Safety & Quality Assessment System) is a security and quality analysis system which by means of 350 questions checks numerous different criteria.

The general company policy, the safety and quality management systems as well as the guidelines and selection criteria for personnel and equipment are closely examined during the assessment, assigning an important role to the facility's compliance with relevant safety standards. Beyond that, the assessment contains a detailed examination of the particular storage facilities, including the analysis of safety devices and implemented working processes.

The CEFIC SQAS Packaged Warehouse assessment was first performed at the TALKE Logistic Services head office in Huerth. A detailed schedule projects the further examination of all ten TALKE storage facilities in Europe up to the first quarter of 2006. For a long time already, TALKE has been regularly examined on the area of road transport and tank cleaning according to SQAS.

The SQAS assessments apply to a period of three years and must be renewed afterwards.

TALKE Logistic Services, headquartered in Huerth near Cologne, Germany, offers bulk and dry bulk transportation, logistics solutions such as warehousing, packaging and handling, engineering and construction of entire logistics facilities as well as technical services, e. g. tank cleaning and repair services. The Logistic Solutions business unit is specialised on planning and construction of logistic facilities.

The company, now run by the second and third generation of the family, is committed to become the preferred supplier of logistic solutions for the European chemical industry. This aim shall be reached by geographical expansion,

exploration of new business fields and investments, mainly in the training of employees, IT competence and logistic infrastructure.

TALKE employs more than 700 people on 13 locations in Europe and the Gulf States, and reaches revenues of 150 million Euros per year.

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