

Dow Corning to showcase environmentally responsible textile innovations at the ESH and RSL Factory Summit

Dow Corning Corporation, a leading supplier of innovative silicone solutions for the textile industry, will exhibit at the Second Annual Multi-Brand Environment, Safety & Health (ESH) and Restricted Substance List (RSL) Factory Summit April 27-28. Dow Corning will feature its silicone textile printing inks, a water- and energy-saving product for denim processing and a hydrophilic softener for the textile finishing market.

Booth visitors will learn how Dow Corning's solutions provide competitive advantages. For example, Dow Corning® brand Silicone Textile Printing Inks are durable, color-fast and suitable for tough-to-print, high-performance sports apparel. The inks offer high elongation and a soft, non-sticky handle. With heightened consumer concern about the environment, silicone textile printing inks are an ideal solution because they contain no organotin, phthalate, formaldehyde, PVC or solvents. Visitors will also discover how to achieve significant water savings during denim processing. Dow Corning® GP 8000 Eco Solution saves up to 50 liters of water on every pair of jeans and provides faster processing time, using less energy to finish jeans.

The company will also highlight Dow Corning® OP-8800 Premium Hydrophilic Softener, which provides an environmentally sustainable solution to the textile finishing market and contains virtually no VOCs. OP-8800 Premium Hydrophilic Softener offers excellent softness, wickability, and water absorbency with no impact on whiteness or stain-release properties. The ESH and RSL Factory Summit is hosted by Nike, Inc., Levi Strauss & Co., Columbia Sportswear and New Balance, and will take place April 27-28, 2009, at the Intercontinental Hotel Bangkok in Thailand. The event will address topics such as product chemistry, energy and water conservation, and chemical management.

Dow Corning offers a comprehensive selection of proven silicon-based performance enhancers and process aids for textiles and is breaking new ground in the realm of eco-innovation. In addition to materials, the company provides supportive services and solutions tailored to the specific business and sustainability needs of the global textiles industry. To learn more about Dow Corning's full range of textile solutions, visit dowcorning.com/textiles.

Dystar honored with Best Practice Award at CeBIT for Palo-based BI Solution

Dystar, a leading manufacturer of textile dyes, was awarded 2nd prize for its reporting solution based on Palo OLAP Server and Palo Worksheet Server by Jedox. Thomas Seeler, Head of Corporate Controlling at Dystar Textilfarben GmbH, accepted the Best Practice Award Business Intelligence at CeBIT on 5 March 2009.

Dystar's successful BI project is characterized by a result-oriented and cost-conscious approach. The Controlling department quickly established and now uses the web-based system to control the monthly reporting and planning for more than 50 affiliates.



Awardee of this year's BI-Award:
Thomas Seeler (centre)

Thomas Seeler launched the project with the free Palo OLAP Server right after last year's CeBIT. Within a week he had completed the corporation's monthly reporting. The controlling department's internal solution immediately achieved a "pull-effect" with management board and other departments; reporting solution was then extended in content and in addition, was made available as a decentralized web solution.

Contents of the award-winning solution are profit and loss statements and balance sheets with actual data on a corporate level. Budget figures and forecasts are presented in product groups and business units. The analysis is executed by type of costs and bank analysis. The source data originates from SAP BW/BI and from the associated consolidation tool SAP SEM BCS.

Seeler of Dystar comments: "Without having made an investment, we were able

to prove the technical feasibility from the outset of the project. Only after achieving the pull-effect did we further invest in hardware, software licenses and support. After the successful implementation and positive user acceptance of our project we are now pleased to receive recognition for our approach by the expert jury of the Best Practice Award."

Clariant to launch strategic production facilities in Zhenjiang, China

Leading specialty chemical company Clariant is building a surfactants plant in Zhenjiang, Eastern China to help meet the needs of the country's growing demand. The new facility is scheduled for production in the middle of 2009. The new plant will primarily serve personal care, paints and coatings as well as metal working industries. Other products available at the plant will include chemicals for textile, oil, mining and homecare sectors.

The new surfactants plant in Zhenjiang is well located on the Yangtze river between Nanjing and Shanghai, with good access to Clariant's key customers in the region. This facility, together with Clariant's existing plant in China, in Tianjin, will complement the company's already well-established manufacturing capabilities in Asia for Clariant's Functional Chemicals Division.

Three other production facilities are operating in Japan, Indonesia and Australia. Clariant's business in China has grown substantially in recent years, with a high annual growth rate, e.g. in the personal care sector. The decision was taken to build a new surfactants plant in Eastern China, to further sustain this growth.

"In line with the company's strategy to further develop our business in the rapidly growing markets of Asia, this investment demonstrates Clariant's long-term commitment to China. Despite the current economic downturn, the medium and long-term prospects for the region are strong.

The new facility is built to the highest environmental and production standards and will ensure we have the capacity to serve our customers' needs in the future," said Siegfried Fischer, member of Clariant's Executive Committee with responsibility for the Functional Chemicals Division.

Clariant in China has more than 1,300 people working in laboratories and facilities in over 30 cities.

Technopak to offer Advisory Services for Latur Integrated Textile Park

Technopak Advisors has been awarded the responsibility for offering consulting services for the Latur Integrated Textile Park (LITP). The park would have capacity to produce 30,000 garments per day and cater the markets in UK, USA & other countries.

The plant is expected to start commercial production in the year 2009 and will create employment opportunities for more than 10,000 people in the Latur region. Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP) has been launched by Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India, with an objective to establish Textile Parks with world class infrastructure facilities. LITP is one such textile park approved under the SITP programme, with state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities supported by good quality infrastructure.

Highlights of the LITP:

- ❖ Located in Latur MIDC.
- ❖ Spread over an area of 50 acres.
- ❖ Integrated textile park with facility of weaving & garmenting.
- ❖ 'Plug & Play' modern infrastructure: Roads, water supply, electricity, training centre, factory sheds, humidification systems, workers welfare facilities.
- ❖ LITP will have an investment of more than Rs. 250 crores to complete the entire project.

Huntsman Textile Effects to establish new headquarters in Singapore

Huntsman Textile Effects, a division of Huntsman Corporation (NYSE: HUN) and a leading manufacturer of dyes and textile chemicals, announced it will establish new headquarters in Singapore. The move is a major milestone of the division's previously announced restructuring and will significantly contribute to the division's focus on serving selected global market segments from the region most expected to fuel growth in the years to come.

Headquarters for Textile Effects is currently located at the division's long-standing site in Basel, Switzerland. The Basel site will remain a major manufacturing, research & technology and European customer service location for Textile Effects, and also acts as headquarters of Advanced Materials, another Huntsman division.

"This is an important strategic decision," said Paul Hulme, President of Huntsman Textile Effects. "The relocation of the divisional headquarters and its leadership team is the next important step in our restructuring program and will ensure that the business is fully aligned to market trends and customer needs."

The move will enhance our customer intimacy, shorten decision-making processes and complement our realigned manufacturing footprint and business support model. It also brings us closer to our sales and customer support organization in Asia, which is already the largest in Textile Effects."

Members of the Textile Effects leadership team are expected to move by mid-year and will relocate to the existing Huntsman Gateway Center at Beach Road. Vice Presidents and Directors responsible for Global Manufacturing, Supply Chain, Human Resources, Finance and Legal will relocate there, along with the business Vice President, Directors and commercial team responsible for its global Apparel & Home Textiles business unit.

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"Geographically, Singapore is an ideal location from which to serve the markets in China, India and South-East Asia, but also allows us to continue to serve and grow our business in Europe and the Americas," Paul Hulme added.

"Singapore was chosen from a number of possible locations, primarily because of its proximity to our key growth markets, the excellent international business environment encouraged by the Singapore Economic Development Board, and the availability of the high quality professionals that will be critical to the continued growth of our global business."

Monforts and Karl Menzel seminar in India

A. Monforts Textilmaschinen GmbH & Co. KG, represented by A.T.E. Enterprises Private Limited and Karl Menzel Maschinenfabrik GmbH & Co., represented by Comtex Engg. (Bom.) Private Limited jointly held a seminar on "Industrial Textiles" on 3rd and 5th March, 2009 respectively. The seminar focused on technical textiles with a special focus into geotextiles and geogrids. With new innovations in technology resulting in new product developments, technical textiles provides versatile solutions to the industrial textiles with functionalized properties based on the kind of industrial requirement.

The seminar highlighted the technological capabilities of Monforts and Menzel in this arena and help entrepreneurs to look at diverse business opportunities with better profit margins. Perhaps, this is the need of the hour. Mr. J Stillger of A. Monforts and Mr. P Menzel of Karl Menzel made presentations on topics like superior solutions for geotextiles and coating / bonding processes. Entrepreneurs and representatives from various sectors of Indian textile industry have attended this seminar and benefited. There were good interactions among the speakers and participants. ♦