

Evonik optimizes PEEK production in China

Evonik has comprehensively optimized the production process of VESTAKEEP® PEEK and further improved the quality of the product at its Changchun, China, site. The Group is thus positioning itself as a reliable partner on the global PEEK market for the long term.

In particular, energy requirements, material use, and the waste generated during production were reduced under the optimization measures and it was simultaneously possible to boost the productivity of the PEEK plant. Evonik is thus setting new technical standards in environmental protection and safety in polyetheretherketone production.

On the product side, the innovative production process results in improved quality, such as better color characteristics.

“Our business with VESTAKEEP® high-performance polymers has been showing strong and sustained growth over several years, for example in the automotive, aviation, oil, and gas industries or the medical sector,” says Dr. Ralf Düssel, head of the High Performance Polymers Business Line. “With custom-designed and innovative products we will be able to continue serving existing markets while also opening up new ones.”

Thanks to their high heat and chemical resistance VESTAKEEP® specialty polymers can replace metal components to allow, for example, sophisticated applications in lightweight construction.

Evonik has more than 50 years of experience in the development and production of high-performance polymers. Its extensive product portfolio includes solutions for almost all industrial applications.

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Evonik's international activities are organized into six regions. The Asia Pacific North region is headquartered in Shanghai. Sales in Asia Pacific North reached 2,158 million euros in 2017. Evonik regards China as one of the driving forces of the global economy and we consequently endeavor to grow our business here. The company now employs about 3,000 employees and has in total of 10 production sites in China.

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