

Evonik Celebrates 10 Years Success Producing Polyurethane Additives in China

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- Evonik began the production of polyurethane additives in Shanghai in 2002
- More than 30 years experience in marketing polyurethane additives in the Greater China region
- As one of the leading innovative solution partners for the polyurethane industry, Evonik is committed to support the long-term growth ambitions of our customers

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On July 12th, 2012, the business line Comfort & Insulation of Evonik celebrates the 10 years anniversary of its local production of Polyurethane Additives (PU) in China at the Shanghai-Xinzhuang Site. Leveraging the state-of-the-art production know-how together with a strong and dedicated team, Evonik has successfully delivered both consistent quality and innovative solutions to the polyurethane industry in Asia, especially in the Greater China region.

The company's support for the PU market in the Greater China region can be traced back to mid 1990s with the first investment in the local sales team and the local technical service team, as well as the opening of its first application lab in Shanghai. Since then Evonik has continued to invest in people and resources to meet the demands of the dynamic PU market in China. "With over 30 years experience in marketing polyurethane additives in the region, we focus on supplying products that are specially developed and produced to meet the needs of the local markets.", said Dr. Tammo Boinowitz, Head of the business line Comfort & Insulation, Evonik Industries AG.

Thanks to the philosophy of continued innovation and improvement, the production site today is equipped to produce the highest quality silicone surfactants in support of Rigid and Flexible PU foaming. In addition, over the past 10 years, Evonik has specifically developed and produced more than 20 local made products catering for the specific needs of our customers in China and Asia.

In parallel with the investment in local production capacities, Evonik also focuses on research and development (R&D). The scale of local R&D for polyurethane additives continues to expand in China. Starting with 2

small laboratories, Evonik now has developed laboratory capacities to support application development, synthesis development and quality control. In 2012 Evonik further invested in its technical capacities with the start-up of a new high pressure rigid foaming machine.

The business line Comfort & Insulation of Evonik Industries AG has been developing, producing and marketing auxiliaries for polyurethane foam manufacturing for 50 years. As one of the world's leading suppliers of additives used in the manufacture of various types of polyurethane foam,, Evonik has its extensive PU product portfolio, including TEGOSTAB® silicone stabilisers, TEGOAMIN® amine catalysts, KOSMOS® metal catalysts, GORAPUR® release agents, TEGOCOLOR® pigments, and ORTEGOL® performance additives. Significant applications for these foams include insulation for construction material and refrigerators. They are also used in mattresses, upholstered furniture, and automobile interiors.

For more information, please visit
www.evonik.com/polyurethane-additives

About Evonik

Evonik, the creative industrial group from Germany, is one of the world leaders in specialty chemicals. Its activities focus on the key megatrends health, nutrition, resource efficiency and globalization. Profitable growth and a sustained increase in the value of the company form the heart of Evonik's corporate strategy. Evonik benefits specifically from its innovative prowess and integrated technology platforms. Evonik is active in over 100 countries around the world. In fiscal 2011 more than 33,000 employees generated sales of around €14.5 billion and an operating profit (adjusted EBITDA) of about €2.8 billion.

Evonik Industries has been producing specialty chemical products in the Greater China region (Mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan) since the late 1970's; with wide-ranging trading relations already in place prior to this in the region. Evonik regards Greater China as one of the driving forces of the global economy and we consequently endeavour to grow our business in the region. The company now has around 3,500 employees in the Greater China region, the regional sales reached over 1.2 billion in 2011.

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