

Evonik Industries Completes the Expansion for its Rohmax Oil Additives Technology Centre in Shanghai, China

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Shanghai, China, February 2010. A few days before the Chinese Year of Tiger, Evonik celebrated the completion of its RohMax Technology Center expansion at the Shanghai Xinzhuang Site. The expansion ceremony was attended by more than 80 guests, including customers, representatives of RohMax and members of the Regional Management Team in China. The expanded technology center is not only doubled in size, but also equipped with added advanced instruments and more importantly, a bigger team of specialists. This further strengthens Evonik's Business Line Lubricant Additives' position to provide its customers in China and the region with state of the art solutions.

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Dr. Dahai Yu, President of Evonik Greater China Region, represented the regional management at the event and emphasized in his welcome speech, "China is of strategic importance to the Evonik Group. Despite of the economic crisis, we continuously invest in this region. The expanded technology center demonstrates our confidence in the sustainable growth in China."

The significance of the expansion of the technology center was also underscored by Mr. Norbert Westerholt, Head of Evonik's Business Line Lubricant Additives, "Our strategy is set industry standards for the global coverage, cost-effectiveness, tailor-made products, supply chain security, superior advanced technology and technical service." Westerholt added, "The expansion of the technology center is a clear message of RohMax's deepening commitment to our customers in the Greater China region. With the opening of our extended lab today we demonstrate deep understanding of the need of our customers for enhanced testing capabilities."

"2009 was a challenging year. The enhanced capabilities in the region will put Evonik in good stead to meet the forthcoming challenges in the upcoming years," stated Dr. Eric Fillod, Regional Manager of Evonik's Business Line Lubricant Additives in Asia Pacific. In his speech, he also introduced some new hardware, for example, KRL for shear stability requirements to stay in grade and also briefly touched on the challenges in the upcoming ILSAC GF5 introduction.

Evonik's Business Line Lubricant Additives is a leading global supplier of high performance VISCOPLEX® lubricant additives and VISCOBASE® synthetic base fluids for use in automotive and industrial lubricants. It also produces dewaxing aids used in refinery processing and cold flow improvers for biodiesel. The Rohmax Oil Additive Shanghai Technology Center was opened at the Shanghai Xinzhuang Site in 2005. For more information and its worldwide locations, please visit www.rohmax.com

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Evonik Industries has been producing specialty chemical products in China since the early 1990's; with wide-ranging trading relations already in place prior to this. The Group now has a total of 20 companies and 16 production sites in the region. In fiscal year 2008, 4,000 employees generated sales of over €820 million. Evonik regards China as one of the driving forces of the global economy, and we consequently intend to increase our business in Greater China to around €2 billion in the medium term.

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