

Everest Kanto consolidates operations in Europe, new branch in Duisberg, Germany

EVEREST Kanto Cylinder (EKC) has announced that in order to explore the European markets, EKC International FZE has launched its European operations through its 100% owned branch in Duisburg (Germany).

Such a strategy allows EKC not only to carefully explore European markets but, in the long run, also to diversify its customer base, reduce dependency on traditional export markets and to pass the cost efficiency advantage to its new customers in Europe.

The latter point gets the growing importance in view of the recent Euro crises and tightening budgets of gas industry players.

With cylinders ranging from one to 3,000 litres in water capacity and diameters from 76 mm up to 610 mm, with globally distributed 11 modern manufacturing plants in India, United Arab Emirates, China, and the US and sales offices located in Germany, Czech Republic, Argentina, and Thailand, Everest Kanto Cylinders is happy to be offering its products in Europe for CNG onboard and storage applications, industrial gases

for stationary and transportable storage of high pressure compressed gases, medical, beverage, firefighting and breathing air applications.

The expanding range of Seamless Steel Cylinders manufactured by the EKC group of companies has earned a global reputation for their high standard of quality

and compliance to the most stringent international and European specifications.

EKC's continued efforts within the coming months, **gasworld** understands, will be to establish closer business ties and to dedicatedly support the needs of its new customers all over Europe and the allied markets.

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News in brief

WESTFALEN AG HONoured FOR MILESTONE IN SAFETY

MAJOR GERMAN industrial gas producer Westfalen AG has been celebrating recently after achieving a milestone in operational safety.

A total of five sites run by the industrial gas company from Munster have received an award for safe operation with an overall total of 2.625 million work hours without loss by accident recorded. In Münster-Gremmendorf, where the company produces acetylene and refrigerants that are liquefied and packaged, there were half a million work hours recorded without accidental failures. In addition to Münster-Gremmendorf, there were also locations in Hörstel and Worms where each recorded half a million working hours without accidental failures.

MESSER SUPPORTS CHRISTO'S ART EXHIBITION

MESSER IS sponsoring the Big Air Package project by world-renowned artist Christo. It can be seen from the 15th of March to the 30th of December 2013 in the Gasometer Oberhausen.

It is a hitherto unique Christo exhibition as visitors will not only be looking at the wrapped object from the outside but will actually be able to enter it and thus experience first hand the vast air space that surrounds them. Big Air Package envelops the element of life, air, rather than an object. With a volume of over 177,000 cubic metres, the air package will take up almost the entire space of the Gasometer.

Messer obtains a large proportion of its products from the valuable resource that is air.

BOC acquires stake in UK CCS project

GERMAN SPECIAL gases provider BOC has bought a 15% stake in 2CO Energy's Don Valley carbon capture and storage (CCS) project in Britain, the plant developer declared recently.

BOC will work with existing contractors to finalise the project's Front End Engineering and Design study, while BOC's parent company, Linde, will supply air separation units and the technology to capture carbon.

Britain sees CCS as a key technology to reduce carbon emissions from the power generation sector and is supporting the development of the technology through a £1bn competition, which the Don valley project is participating in.

“Moving quickly to full commercial-scale carbon capture will be vital for the UK – not only in meeting our own carbon reduction targets but also for demonstrating the UK's global leadership in developing

and using these critical technologies,” Mike Huggon, Managing Director of BOC explained in a statement.

The Don Valley project is a 650-megawatt coal-fired power plant that will capture nearly all the carbon it emits and then store it underground.

The plant is expected to start operating in 2016 and could link up with other nearby CCS projects to share pipeline infrastructure to bury the carbon.