

Media release

Zeochem to build production plant in Zvornik

Zeochem, the Chemistry Division of CPH Chemie + Papier Holding AG has acquired an industrial site in Bosnia and Herzegovina to build a new production facility. The plant, planned to be completed by the end of 2017, will be used to manufacture molecular sieves powder and silica chromatography gels.

Perlen, 17. October 2016 - Zeochem, a subsidiary of CPH Chemie + Papier Holding AG (the holding company of the CPH Group), has acquired a 5,400-square-meter industrial site in Zvornik, Bosnia and Herzegovina. "At Zeochem's new site we will manufacture molecular sieve powders (Purmol), specialty zeolites (ZEOflair) and silica chromatography gels (ZEOprep)", says Dr. Alois Waldburg-Zeil, CEO of Zeochem. "This adds a new competence centre to our existing premises in Switzerland, the USA and China." The new plant shall be completed by the end of 2017 and will employ some 40 personnel. The development represents a high-single-digit million-franc investment.

The new European production plant of Zeochem d.o.o. in Zvornik is in the proximity of Alumina d.o.o., a partner of Zeochem for its downstream materials supply. "We have embarked on a long-term collaboration with our business partner Alumina," says Dr. Peter Schildknecht, CEO of the CPH Group. "And, as a result, we continue to offer our high-quality products to customers we have been serving in the past with products manufactured in our Swiss facility in Uetikon."

"We are delighted that Zeochem continues its partnership with us," adds Alumina Chairman Milorad Motika. "Our two companies complement each other excellently in the production process, and this local collaboration will further strengthen Alumina's market position." Alumina was founded in Zvornik in 1978, and manufactures aluminum oxides, aluminum hydroxides, zeolites and sodium silicate (water glass) with its workforce of 1,250 personnel.

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