

ICMA develops line for medical PVC compounds

ICMA San Giorgio of Italy has designed a compounding line for a research company which is developing DEHP-free PVC compounds for use in blood bags and other medical devices. The project, which also aims to minimise the migration of additives from PVC compounds, is backed by the Italian National Research Council. The line is based on ICMA's MCM 140 co-rotating twin-screw extruder. The company says that it was selected over a counter-rotating machine as it



eliminated the need for a pre-mixing step and could provide the highly homogeneous

compounds required for this demanding application.

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PolyOne starts up in India

PolyOne has begun commercial shipments of colour masterbatch from its new plant in Mumbai in India. The facility, which also includes a colour lab, is designed to provide access to large OEMs and processors in India and neighbouring markets.

PolyOne said producing masterbatch and providing technical support in the region will create a foundation that will allow it to introduce its full range of materials and services.

news in brief

Rhodia is closing its polyamide compounding plant in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. It is outsourcing the production of its Technyl PA 6 and 6.6 compounds on a toll basis to **Alloy Polymers**, which has four compounding plants in the USA with a total annual capacity of more than 250,000 tonnes.

Clariant's head of pigments and additives, Okke Koo has left the company to return to his native Netherlands and pursue other career opportunities. Marco Cenisio, who is head of the coatings business unit, will head the pigments and additives business on an interim basis.

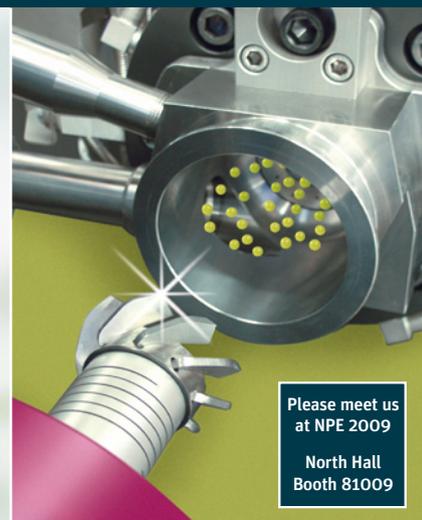
UK-based PVC compounder Dugdale has invested €350,000 in a new **Plasmec**

TRM 600 high-speed mixer with customised cooling and feeder systems. It will increase capacity and product quality for high-performance rigid compounds and technical flexible grades.

Chemtura is suing one of its suppliers, **VanDeMark**, as the company has stopped shipments of phosgene which it uses to make flame retardants. Chemtura is trading under Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in the USA.

Korean additives supplier Songwon has formed a Japanese company to better serve the country's plastics market. The new operation is headed by Ikuo Wakasugi who has more than 30 years of experience in the plastics additives market in Japan.

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