

Surface treatment specialist acquires André Coatings

Chemetall also strengthens its market position in coil coatings

With the acquisition of the business activities of André Coatings GmbH, the surface treatment specialist Chemetall adds innovative coating technologies to its portfolio.

Frankfurt, Germany, 19. July 2013. Effective July 1, 2013 Chemetall GmbH in Frankfurt/Germany has acquired the business activities of André Coatings GmbH in Willstätt/Germany. With the acquisition, the surface treatment specialist strengthens its position in the market of functional coatings. "There is a great interest from the market as well as our company to expand our core competence of surface treatment along the value chain," says Joris Merckx, President Chemetall. "The acquisition is part of our strategic plan to enlarge, strengthen and to grow our coil coating business globally and to offer innovative technology concepts to the market."

Pretreatment and organic coatings from a single source

In the pretreatment of steel and aluminium coils Chemetall ranks among the global leaders. The company offers a strong portfolio of cleaning and pretreatment technologies for coil finishing to all well-known steel and aluminium coil producers. In recent years Chemetall has built up its own development capacities in the application and use of organic coatings and has successfully launched new technologies such as permanent coatings, corrosion protection primer and pretreatment primer to the market. The technology portfolio, long-standing market expertise and reputation of André Coatings compliments and extends the product portfolio of Chemetall and is another successful step forward for building a strong foundation to Chemetall becoming a successful and integrated supplier for the coil coating industry.

Modern coatings offer advantages

For the steel and aluminium producers as well as their customers from the automotive, construction, appliance and transport sector, modern coating processes offer ecological and economic benefits. Coatings with additional functions enhance the corrosion protection of painted metal surfaces and the productivity throughout the process chain.

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About Chemetall

Chemetall, a division of Rockwood Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: ROC), is a leading global supplier of special chemicals with a focus on processes for the surface treatment of metals and plastics. Chemetall is headquartered in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, and comprises about 40 companies and 22 production sites worldwide. With 2,000 employees, the Group achieved sales of about 551 million Euro (2012). More at www.chemetall.com.

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