

Evonik opens new production facility for P84® fibers

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Schörfling, June 17, 2010 – After a construction phase of little more than a year, the Austrian company Evonik Fibres, a subsidiary of the German Evonik Industries Group, will open its new production facility in Schörfling in a ceremony held on June 17, 2010. According to the General Manager, Dr. Herbert Griesser, the partial relocation of the polyimide fiber P84® production to the state-of-the-art facility with a production hall and warehouse, two-level technical service annex, and separate administrative building became necessary because the previous site in Lenzing could no longer accommodate the optimal production flow for fiber manufacturing.

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"The new facility allows Evonik Fibres to meet the continuously growing demand for P84® products worldwide, and especially in Asia," says Griesser. Approximately half of the 66 employees currently working in Lenzing will transfer to the 8,000 m² facility in Schörfling over the next two years in multiple phases.

Evonik Fibres is the only manufacturer of P84® polyimide fibers worldwide. The product is used in filter media for separating dust from hot flue gases in waste incineration plants, cement factories, and coal-fueled power plants as well as in sealing materials, flame retardant clothing, and thermal insulation materials. Polyimide is also sold as a powder under the brand name P84 NT™. Compression-molded parts made from the material are used in a wide range of applications that call for low weight and low friction coefficient without the use of lubricants.

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Evonik is active in over 100 countries around the world. In its fiscal year 2009 about 39,000 employees generated sales of about €13.1 billion and an operating profit (EBITDA) of about €2.0 billion.

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