

NEW POLYMER COMPOUNDING LINE LAUNCHED AT SARATOV PIPE PLANT



On December 15th, 2013, the new polymer composite line based on Berstorff ZE 90A-58DUT extruder began production at Saratov Pipe Plant Ltd (a separate division of POLYPLASTIC Group in Engels).

The start of the line was marked with a ribbon-cutting ceremony which was attended by Andrey Menshov, director of asset development, Oleg Yurtayev, CEO of CJSC POLYPLASTIC Science & Technology Centre, and representatives from German Polymer-Chemie Gruppe: owner and CEO, Dr. Hauf, and general manager in Russia Dr. Lifke.

Sergey Lisovsky, the Saratov regional government Minister of Industry & Energy, and Andrey Kulikov, head of the Engels district administration, were in attendance. The special event celebrated the start-up of an up-to-date European line, the first in Russia to offer such high capacity (up to 3000 kg/hour) for composite material production.

Addressing the guests, Andrey Menshov said that this 3 million Euro investment project is part of a complex Fed-

eral Government program designed to localize imported manufacturing companies in Russia. He also expressed his gratitude to the Saratov regional administration for their collaboration in the project, highlighting that "equipment is secondary, it's highly trained personnel, ready to work honorably, which is of primary importance".

Part of the project success belongs to the plant location which enables supply of raw materials and product shipments to be optimized.

When the new line reaches full capacity, its compound outcome will be 15,000 tonnes per year, growing the Saratov Pipe Plant output by 40%. This will take yearly production to 55,000 tonnes and will ensure the total output of the POLYPLASTIC Group compounding division exceeds 75,000 tonnes per year.

The new production line has created 26 new jobs for the Engels municipal district, increasing the Saratov Pipe Plant workforce to 380.

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