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Positive List of Materials

The PE100+ Association issued the latest Positive List of Materials in August 2003, which has been the Association's most important promotion tool. In this issue, the total 15 PE100 products from five member companies have reached the PE100+ requirements. This list will be valid till 29th February 2004.

Product	Manufacturer
Finathene® XS 10 H (blue)	ATOFINA S.A.
Finathene® XS 10 B (black)	ATOFINA S.A.
Finathene® XS 10 Orange YCF	ATOFINA S.A.
Hostalen® CRP 100 black	Basell Polyolefine GmbH
Hostalen® CRP 100 blue	Basell Polyolefine GmbH
Hostalen® CRP 100 orange/yellow	Basell Polyolefine GmbH
Borstar® HE3490-LS (black)	Borealis AB
Borstar® HE3492-LS(orange)	Borealis AB
Borstar® HE3494-LS (blue)	Borealis AB
ELTEX® TUB 121 (black)	BP Solvay Polyethylene
ELTEX® TUB 125 N2025 (orange)	BP Solvay Polyethylene
ELTEX® TUB 124 N2025 (blue)	BP Solvay Polyethylene
ELTEX® TUB 121 N3000 (black)	BP Solvay Polyethylene
VESTOLEN® A 6060 R (black)	SABIC Polyolefine GmbH
VESTOLEN® A 6060 R (blue)	SABIC Polyolefine GmbH

The official list attached also can be downloaded from our website www.pe100plus.net

PE100+ Board Re-election

The PE100+ Association Board was re-elected during the annual PE100+ Member meeting in Feb 2003 in Brussels. The previous structure of the PE100+ Association Board was kept. Andre Scheelen remains the President of the PE100+ Association.

Carrying on the successful experience of the past 4 years in promoting the polyethylene pipe usage in Europe, the PE100+ Association reiterates its interest in opening its membership to the polyolefin resin suppliers world-wide.

Advisory Committee

The annual advisory committee meeting was held in Vienna on 14th May. Although the bad weather and the heavy hail storm over Vienna, the members could all join the meeting, some with wet feet.

Henri Van Speybroeck chaired the meeting and the programme was in line with the decisions of former meetings in Naples and Copenhagen. The main target is optimising the quality through the complete chain of the PE pipe system. The decision model, as discussed in Copenhagen has been out-sourced from Tom Sangster who presents at the meeting his first data. The model should be available in the Spring 2004.

Alfred Oertli of Ciba on performance of PE pipes in contact with chlorinated water and Lars Hoving of Uponor on EAS for products in contact with potable water presented both two excellent presentations on hot topics for the water supply companies.

A round table has given the members an opportunity to propose further actions in order to optimise the cooperation within the advisory board. The next meeting is planned on 8-9 June 2004 in Nice, France.

Plastics Pipes Conference Association (PPCA)

This well-known and respected industry conference will take place again from 19th -22nd April 2004 on beautiful Lago Maggiore, Italy. Preparations are well under way and a record of 200 abstracts have been submitted of which 115 oral papers and 50 posters will be selected. Around 10% of the papers are given or co-authored by experts from the end-user part of our industry. This and the dedication of the first day to practical applications is a good step towards giving the conference a more "end-user" focus. More information is available on www.plasticpipes.com and www.pe100plus.net

As a founding member, the PE100+ association is proud to be a major sponsor of the event and involved in its organisation through its position in the board of the Plastic Pipes Conference Association (PPCA). The PPCA has taken over from the IOM as financial sponsor and organiser of the conference. It is comprised of the PE100+ association, the PVC 4 Pipes association and the Plastic Pipes Institute from North America as full members. The European Plastic Pipes & Fittings Association, TEPPFA is also involved as associate member.

Local Road Shows / Seminars

In Turkey, a one-day PE100+ seminar, "PE100+: Full Confidence in Water and Gas Pipe Systems" was held on April 4, 2003 in Ankara despite of the Iraq war. The main purpose of this seminar is to improve the local awareness of using high-quality PE compounds for pressure pipes. Around 100 people from utility companies, authorities, researching institutes, pipe producers and resin suppliers attended and 9 presentations were given during the seminar, most of that in English are available on www.pe100plus.net

In Germany, the PE100+ Association presented "Wiesbadener Kunststoffrohrtage 2003" on 23-24th April. The annual plastic pipeline conference attracts many experts and audiences in the field of supply, disposal, and industry. Subject matters of the papers 2003 are mainly regarding to the quality, construction, operation and maintenance of polyolefin pipeline systems.

In Poland, we will hold a seminar in March 2004 to promote the high quality PE usage in water and sewerage pipe systems.

In Italy, the Association in co-ordination with Politecnico Milano University is preparing a comprehensive PE pipe handbook in Italian. The book will cover the technical and practical information from material properties to pipe design, extrusion, installation, maintenance, and reparation and rehabilitation. We expect to distribute the book during Plastic Pipe Conference XII in April 2004 in Italy.

Articles

All the mentioned articles can be downloaded from the "Downloads" www.pe100plus.net

- "PE100 at 100psig - 13 years of success" by Yannis Savidis, Thomas Hill from Advantica Technologies, UK
- A Symposium "PE 100+: Don't crack under pressure" Part 1 & 2 in Turkey by ChemOrbis

Presentations

The following presentations were also presented in the PE100+ Turkey seminar, which can be downloaded from the "Downloads" on www.pe100plus.net

- Setting higher standards to promote use of PE100 (2003 version)
- High demands require high quality PE compounds
- Turkey case stories (Marama earthquake, Izmir Aliaga Thermal Power Plant) by Hakan Belen (translated by Huseyin Bak and Hilal Yazici)
- Close-Fit PE Lining by Dr. Mark Hoffman from Subterra – a division of Thames Water Plc
- Quality of Plastic Pipe Systems by JanWillem Luiten from Gastec Certification B.V.