

New Croatian Plant for Corrosion-Inhibitor Packaging

Corrosion control technologies group Cortec Corp. (Saint Paul, Minnesota, USA) is building a second production facility in Beli Manastir, Croatia, through its EcoCortec subsidiary for the production of VpCl¹ vapor-phase corrosion inhibitor films and bags. Members of the media and local government, including the city's mayor, were present at the recent ribbon-cutting ceremony. Citing rising requirements for equipment and additional space, the company says its expansion of production and building capacities was a logical step. "The new production hall will boost the plant's manufacturing capabilities and will help EcoCortec's staff respond even more promptly to market challenges," the company explains. As part of Cortec's European group, the plant provides high-technology, corrosion protection packaging solutions and exports its products worldwide. Along with new offices, the new 2,000 m² facility also includes a state-of-the-art extrusion line.



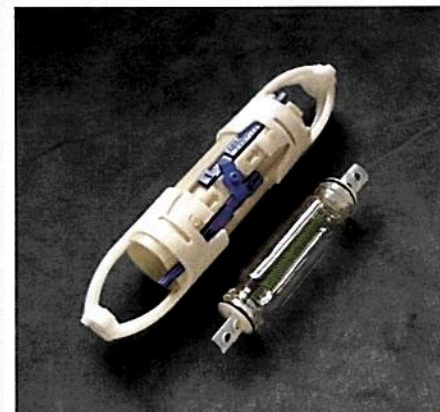
CEO Boris Miksic cuts the ribbon for the new plant. Photo courtesy of Cortec.

¹Trade name.

U.S. Energy Engineering Firm Opens New Texas Office

Energy engineering firm EN Engineering (Warrenville, Illinois, USA) opened a new office in Austin, Texas, USA, to better serve existing and future clients. "Over the past several years, our work in central Texas has increased significantly," says Jason Stockrahm, director of utilities for the company's central region. "Austin is growing rapidly, and the increased population requires updated infrastructure to support and sustain this growth." Stockrahm is slated to lead the new Austin office. With more than 1,100 employees, the group provides engineering, consulting, design, integrity management, corrosion protection, environmental, and automation services to pipeline companies, utilities, and industrial customers. "The company has a large number of gas and electric customers in the region, and an enhanced local presence allows us to serve new and existing customers with our complete portfolio of services," says Steve Knowles, CEO. The company says it will be hiring engineering and drafting/design professionals at the new location.

Environmental Systems Group Adds Groundwater Sampling



The system is a passive groundwater sampling technology. Photo courtesy of Q.E.D.

Q.E.D. Environmental Systems, Inc. (Dexter, Michigan, USA), a subsidiary of Graco, Inc., acquired the Snap Sampler system from ProHydro, Inc. (Fairport, New York,

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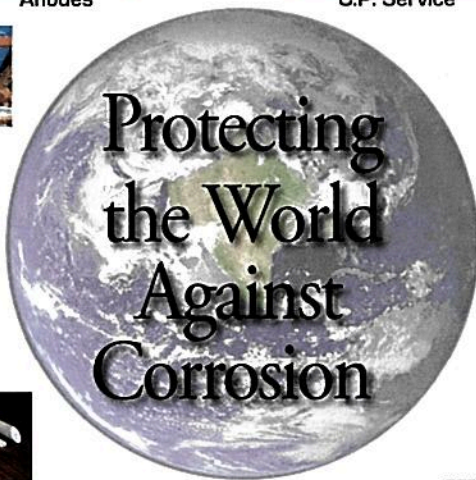
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