



Croatian Wings Newsletter

*"Coming together is a beginning;
keeping together is progress;
working together is success."*

Edward Everett Hale

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EcoCortec® Plant Opening



After busy preparations EcoCortec® opened second plant in Croatia. The grand plant opening and ribbon cutting ceremony took place in Beli Manastir. Numerous guests as well as members of the media and local government including the Mayor of Beli Manastir were present. CEO of Cortec Corporation, Boris Miksic, cut the ribbon of the new plant, together with his mom Nina. Building of a new plant has been co-financed by Croatian Ministry of Economy, Entrepreneurship and Crafts within European Funds Programme. Since new requirements for equipment and additional space were growing every day, this expansion was a logical step. New production hall will boost plant's manufacturing capabilities and will help EcoCortec's staff respond even faster to every day market challenges. Together with new offices, brand new 2000 m2 facility also includes state-of-the-art extrusion line E5. With new extrusion line the plant's production capacity is furtherly increased!



2018 has been especially successful for our plant. Along with the growing sales the company finalized its expansion and entered numerous new projects. We became a partner in the €1.95 million European BIOCOMPACT project supported by the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE. We also launched Europe's first collection and recycling initiative for used films and plastic bags. Both projects are aimed to decrease plastic waste in Europe, one of the world biggest growing problems. We can proudly say that EcoCortec® is becoming one of the most productive plants in the industry in Europe. Our team is especially proud to be spreading environmentally safe corrosion protection technologies in Croatia and abroad.



Ribbon cutting ceremony.



Boris Miksic, talking to the members of media.

European Sales and Strategy Meeting

Cortec® and EcoCortec® hosted a European Sales Meeting in Croatia, welcoming more than 90 attendees! We are thrilled that our friends and partners participated in such a large number and we made sure that they spent unforgettable few days in Croatia. This sales meeting was definitely

a special one as our guests participated in grand plant opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the new plant. During these few days, on October 11, our CEO, Boris Miksic, celebrated his 70th birthday and threw a big party for our guests in legendary Zagreb's restaurant Lagvic. It was amazing to





welcome our international friends from Europe, USA and Middle East. The three day event started on Wednesday afternoon with a welcoming party . Next day all the participants had busy day of sessions. After the kick off presentation and welcoming speech of Boris Miksic, presentations followed including VP of sales for Europe, Ivana Radic, Cortec® VP of Sales, Cliff Cracauer, Dijana Zrinski, EcoCortec's General Manager and many more. Interesting agenda gave all the participants an opportunity to hear about the latest news

ongoing projects around the globe, trends and innovations in VpCI® and MCI® technologies. Best EcoCortec Distributor Award was given to Tribotec. Congratulations to our winners and keep up the great work. The day ended with a big birthday celebration accompanied by tamburasi band in Lagvic restaurant where everyone enjoyed the warm atmosphere of Croatian hospitality with traditional specialties and wines.

Next day the guests were taken to EcoCortec plant in Beli Manastir where grand opening of the plant took place. Members of the local government were present along with Mayor of Beli as well as numerous representatives of the media. Boris' mom Nina cut the ribbon during this happy occasion. After sessions the guests were taken to beautiful farm, Peach Hill and dinner with fireworks.





New, State-of-the-Art Extrusion line E5 in EcoCortec

We are happy to announce that along with opening a new facility, EcoCortec® plant has purchased new, state-of-the art extrusion line E5. The plant's production capacity will be increased with this new purchase. Some of the E5 extrusion line features are: 6.2 meter wide film, bags on roll and perforated sheets. With new E5 extruder we will be able to offer stock and custom sizes of VpCI®-126 HP UV Film, VpCI®-126 Shrink Film and produce MilCorr®. This will increase our capacity that will enable us to shorten lead time. Take advantage of this acquisition and don't wait to place your orders!

Our team is investing in new equipment, customer service and education of our employees in order to provide better service to our clients, distributors and partners.



New Feeding System in EcoCortec Plant.



With goals of improving the whole manufacturing cycle, EcoCortec established new materials distribution system. The silos have been installed and large machines will receive raw materials directly from the silos. Thanks to this the need for manual labor will be decreased to minimum and the whole process will be much more efficient. Possibility of mistakes is decreased while the whole process is much faster.



EcoCortec's Lab Director Snjezana in Employee Exchange Program



Our EcoCortec® lab director Snjezana Mikolic is visiting Cortec® plants in USA. Mrs. Snjeza performs quality control on raw materials, film properties, and finished goods at EcoCortec® and a major part of her visit is running the QC lab at CCP. This involves doing standard VIA, razor blade, and SO2 tests for VpCI® paper products produced at the plant. During her visit, Snjeza will be improving CCP's quality control system by performing two main tasks: Writing and updating work instructions on paper testing instruments and training the other staff on these test protocols.

She is also drinking Margarita with her American friends! She was especially touched when her colleagues in Cortec surprised her for her birthday with party and presents. One of the greatest aspects of working in Cortec® is being able to gather and share experiences from abroad. This experience will surely help her gain additional knowledge and tools for her future work that she performs with excellence.





Successful ISO 9001 and ISO 50001 Recertification

EcoCortec® has successfully been recertified for ISO 9001 and ISO 50001. After external audit was completed, EcoCortec's team was complimented for their excellent work. EcoCortec demonstrated excellent results in its processes and logistics. Certificates are enabling optimization of plants operations and help to enhance plant's competitiveness even more to access global markets. Quality management system will ensure that our operations are running at maximum efficiency, safety and quality. The audit was conducted by TÜV Croatia, member of world renowned TÜV NORD group. TÜV NORD is a global leader in technology services with aim of accompanying its clients with prudence and foresight into the future.



New Employee in EcoCortec's Lab!



We are happy to welcome new quality assistant in our EcoCortec's lab, Nikolina Grgic. She will be performing quality control and working in third shift. With our new employee the production process is now covered by quality control 24/7 hours a day!



MEDIA CORNER

As our plant is growing and becoming more recognized in Europe and globally we are receiving increased media interest. We are thrilled that our plant and its activities are followed by leading European and world publications. Our new plant opening as well as other topics were covered in numerous media outlets including three leading sources for engineers: Bioplastics, Kunststoffe and Plastics Europe as well as most of the Croatian media.

