

# Newsletter

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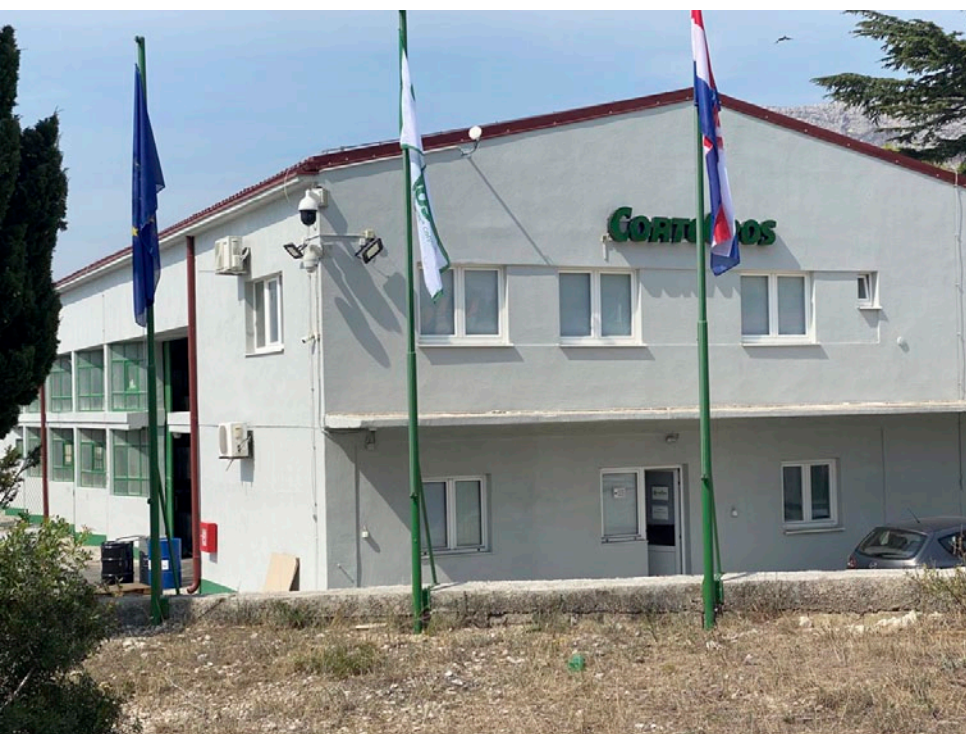


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# Expansion of Logistics and Production Center in Split



CorteCros's production is steadily growing and the company is rapidly expanding its products range. In production facility in Kastel Sucurac, more than 30 products licensed under Cortec® Corporation are being manufactured. Due to unfortunate current situation worldwide, disruption in supply chains and transport have become a huge problem for everyone. Launching a chemical manufacturing facility has proven to be an excellent decision of our Cortec's CEO, Boris Miksic. Our European customers are not suffering as much delays in supply and Cortec's teams are doing everything in their power to ensure our clients and distributors receive their shipments in time.





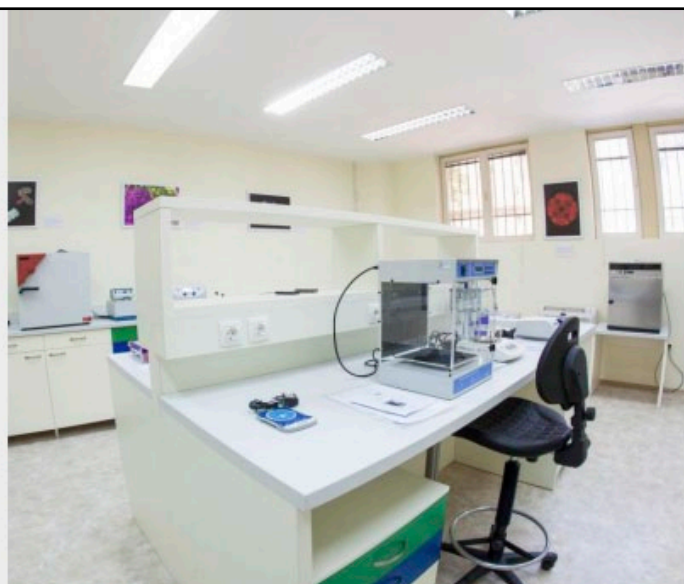


Products manufactured in Split are automatically in compliance with REACH (Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals) regulation which is of huge importance. Manufacturing facilities in Croatia significantly decrease dependence on imported raw materials and shipping the products from USA. This way our European customers can receive their shipment faster and enjoy additional savings. In the manufacturing facility in Split, new equipment has also been purchased and installed while warehouse capacity has grown from 200 to 400 pallet spaces. The laboratory is now full equipped for testing of existing products as well as new chemical products in development.



***New mixer and forklift are latest addition to Split's manufacturing facility***

Last year has been highly successful for CorteCros® team! The company finalized many projects while increasing their sales. CorteCros® is of course continuing its successful path in providing technical support for Cortec's products and services, especially in industries such as military and oil industries. However, in recent years, CorteCros® entered a new stage in company's development and it has evolved in one of the main logistics, production and warehouse centers of Cortec® Corporation in this part of the world. CorteCros® is also playing a major role in new technical service management for Cortec® Europe Group.



***Fully equipped CorteCros® lab provides testing services of existing products as well as new chemical products currently in development.***



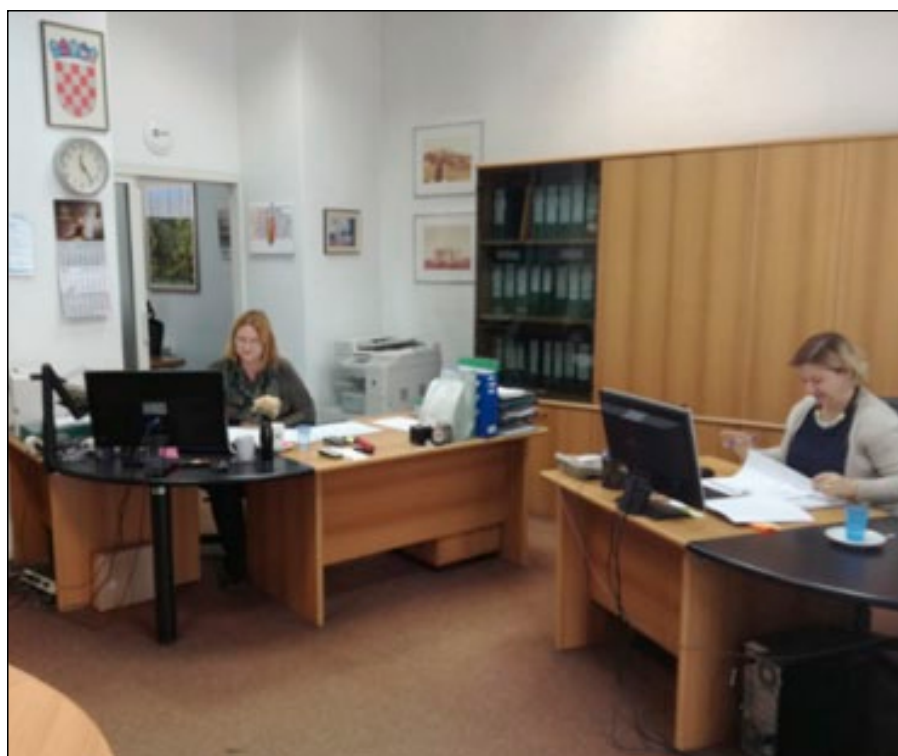
# CorteCros® - Part of Technical Support for Europe

In order to improve our internal resources and provide more quality services to Cortec's customers in Europe and beyond, our engineers and laboratory staff in CorteCros® work together with resources and technical team from EcoCortec® plant. They provide help and assistance with testing and other requests coming from European customers. Together with other colleagues from sister companies, Chemical



Technologist/Quality Control in CorteCros®, Vanja Sef, is part of European Innovation Committee and one of coordinators of technical support activities for Cortec® Europe Group. Laboratory in Split facility will

support chemical product lines while EcoCortec® lab will be responsible for technical support of packaging assortment. This hardworking team of chemical specialists and engineers will also be responsible for the new product development using innovation ideas coming from European sources. Our European Innovation Committee is currently in training process and is meeting every month, exchanging information resources, data, and planning thoroughly all future activities. We are happy that we have many new innovative products in development and excited for all of our new European projects.



Among Vanja's tasks is to monitor the annual import of products to EU, ensure that we meet the requirements set by REACH, UK REACH and KKDIK regulations. He approves the import of products for these companies to the territory





of Europe, Great Britain and Turkey. In addition, he issues declarations of compliance with REACH to customers. Vanja also deals with the tasks of organization and supervision of production in CorteCros® , preparation of formulations, technical

specifications, declarations, STLs, quality control, as well as management and maintenance of ISO systems. Vanja is in charge of inquiries regarding Cortec's chemical portfolio and goal is to ensure quick response to technical customer's inquiries in Europe.



*Warehouse capacity has been increased . Pictured on the right , our hard working team in Split's production facility.*





# New Improved VpCI®- 325 CC Version Developed in CorteCros®!

CorteCros's R&D has developed a new product: VpCI®- 325 CC. This brand new solution is the improved version of Cortec's VpCI®-325 ready-to-use vegetable oil/solvent-based liquid.

The product is aimed for general-purpose corrosion protection in a wide variety of applications. New version of VpCI®- 325 CC was developed in CorteCros's laboratory and is produced in Split's manufacturing facility. In VpCI®- 325 CC version, repsil oil substitute is used instead of canola oil, making this version of the product more cost effective and convenient. Repsil oil is Croatian product made in Cepinac. Additional testing on this product is currently on-going in Laboratory of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture in Zagreb. The product is readily available for our customers. It provides universal corrosion protection for ferrous metals and loosens frozen and rusted metal parts, making them easy to remove. It is excellent for maintenance, lubrication, temporary storage, protection of small or complex metal parts as well as general surface treatments.





# Certification for ISO 14001 and ISO 9001 Recertification

CorteCros®'s management is highly proud that the company received ISO 14001 Certification for distribution and production of corrosion control products, engineers, supervision and consulting. This certificate confirms that the environment management system has been carried out and is in compliance with the requirements of the standard.

ISO 14001 is the international standard for environmental management systems (EMS) and the most widely used EMS in the world, with over 360,000 ISO 14001 certificates issued globally. ISO 14001 is the principal management system standard which specifies the requirements for the formulation and maintenance of an EMS. This standard is an internationally agreed standard that sets out the requirements for an environmental management system. It helps organizations improve their environmental performance through more efficient use of resources and reduction of waste, gaining a

competitive advantage and the trust of stakeholders.

The company has also successfully been recertified for ISO 9001. Quality assurance documentation and review of the following has been made:

- Customer relation process
- Corrective action and improvement
- Documentation review
- Planning and risk
- Internal training
- Internal audit
- Employee training
- Management Review

After external audit was completed, CorteCros's team was complimented for their excellent work. CorteCros® 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 FSB Q CERT.





# Wider Application of Bionetix Products for Bioremediation

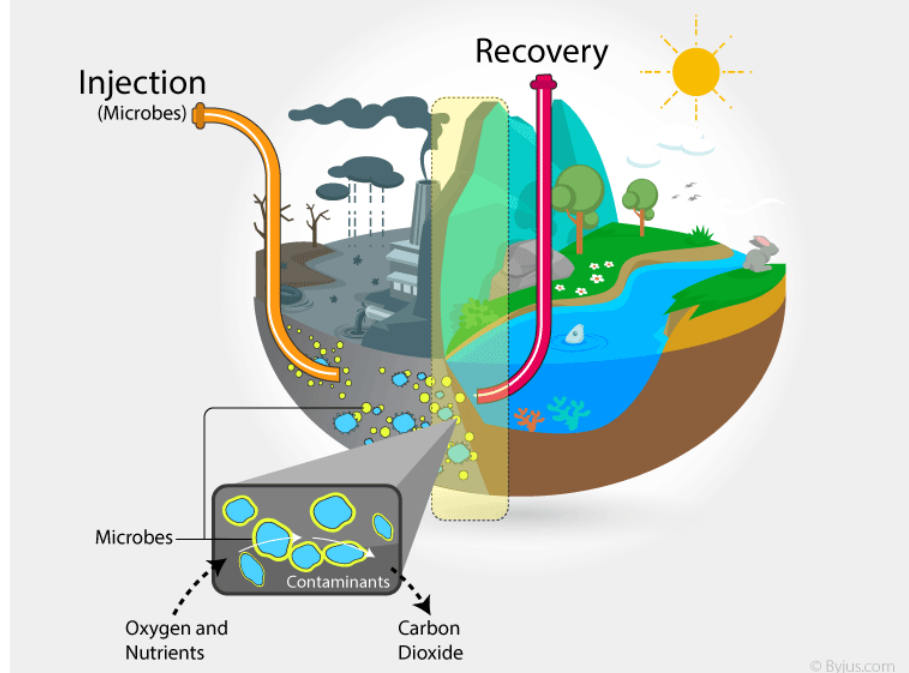


In 2015, CorteCros® started the pilot project for INA, Croatian multinational oil company and one of the biggest oil companies in the region. During oil and gas exploitation in the oil fields, pipelines and storage tanks often crack and contaminate soil as a result. When replacing underground reservoirs at petrol stations, it is necessary to remove the soil around the reservoir. This soil is contaminated with gasoline and diesel fuels. The customer needed to remove all contaminated soil from the oil and gas fields as well as gas stations. The project involves soil bioremediation using Bionetix® products. Based on positive results, the customer built a landfill for the treatment of contaminated soil. This soil was collected from oil fields and transported to the landfill. It then passed several laboratory testings. The customer now successfully uses

this procedure. The process of mixing contaminated soil and spraying with the fresh water/BCP35S/BIOSURF mixture is repeated every 10 days. After

## PROCESS OF BIOREMEDIATION

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The Learning App







3-5 months, depending on the type of pollution (crude oil, gasoline, diesel), the soil returns to nature completely unpolluted. Because the customer was very satisfied with results of the application, together

with CorteCros® team they decided to expand Bionetix products for bioremediation for other applications. New project is currently undergoing testing in INA's lab.



***BCP35S and BIOSURF were mixed with fresh water and sprayed on the surface of the contaminated soil, which is simultaneously agitated.***





# Renewal of Contracts with Ministries of Defense of Croatia and Slovenia

CorteCros® has renewed its contracts with Ministries of Defense in Croatia and Ministry of Defense, Slovenia. The company has been providing its services for preservation of military equipment for over 20 years which resulted in excellent cooperation and mutual trust agreement with ministries of defense in these two countries. CorteCros® has valuable extensive experience in the field of military applications and offers the latest technology solutions. Its team provides solutions for preservation of weaponry, tanks, military vehicles, and other military equipment. They have been successfully preserving the equipment of Croatian Army and Navy.



New strategies of corrosion prevention in military applications are being developed quickly and evaluated for effective corrosion control. CorteCros® is up to date with all the innovations in the military industry and able to offer most optimal solutions needed for equipment preservation.

