

Evonik's Hydrogen Peroxide Plant Sets 3 Billion Pound Record Safety, Plant Improvements, New Products Cited for Production Milestone

MOBILE, Ala., November 20, 2009 – Evonik's hydrogen peroxide operations in Mobile, Alabama, have reached a company milestone: The site has produced more than 3 billion pounds of hydrogen peroxide over the past 22 years.

That's the equivalent of 21,000 railcars of hydrogen peroxide. If lined railcar-to-railcar on a track, the line would stretch 258 miles – more than the distance between New York City and Washington, D.C.

"This is a remarkable accomplishment by our employees in Mobile," said Thomas Rieche, Head of Evonik's Active Oxygens Business Line. "It is a true testament to the collaborative efforts of each and every Evonik employee in Mobile. This production record is powerful proof of our commitment to excellence in quality, productivity and health, environment and safety."

Producing 3 billion pounds of hydrogen peroxide over the past two decades is an outstanding achievement, said Jack Chenault, Active Oxygens Vice President and General Manager – North America. "I am proud of what our employees in Mobile have accomplished," said Chenault. "Congratulations – and thank you – to this special group of dedicated employees who make a difference every day by working smarter and working safer."

Mike Barreca, Mobile hydrogen peroxide Plant Superintendant, noted that with an annual capacity of 90,000 metric tons, the Mobile hydrogen peroxide plant has supplied the North American hydrogen peroxide market without fail for the past 22 years. He added that improvements over the years at the site have included a second production unit – which started in 1992. The new unit doubled the capacity of the Mobile operations and enabled production of various grades of hydrogen peroxide to supply new markets.

"The hydrogen peroxide team in Mobile is truly exceptional," said Barreca. "All our employees continually pull together to produce the best possible product for our customers in the safest and most economical way. They are to be commended."

With an annual capacity approaching 600,000 metric tons, Evonik's Industrial Chemicals Business Unit is the world's second-largest producer of the eco-friendly bleaching and oxidizing agent hydrogen peroxide. This is used mainly in paper and pulp bleaching, and some producers have recently begun using it in the synthesis of propylene oxide. Evonik produces hydrogen peroxide in Germany, Belgium, Austria, the United States, Canada, Brazil, Korea, Indonesia, New Zealand, and South Africa.

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