

Jurong Logistics Terminal: now compounding too

Second expansion phase underway
in collaboration with local partner

Katoen Natie's Jurong Logistics Terminal is about to have a significant 'extension': a compounding installation for polymers. With an annual capacity of 15,000 ton, the installation will slot nicely within our terminal's second expansion phase. Furthermore, Katoen Natie's project partner, Resin & Pigment Technologies is a strong local player in the compounding market.

Ideal complement to existing capacity

A large number of polymer manufacturers are based in and around Singapore. That's why Katoen Natie stationed its Jurong Logistics Terminal in the immediate vicinity. The realization of the new compounding installation – part of the terminal's second expansion phase – forms an ideal addition to the terminal's existing hand-

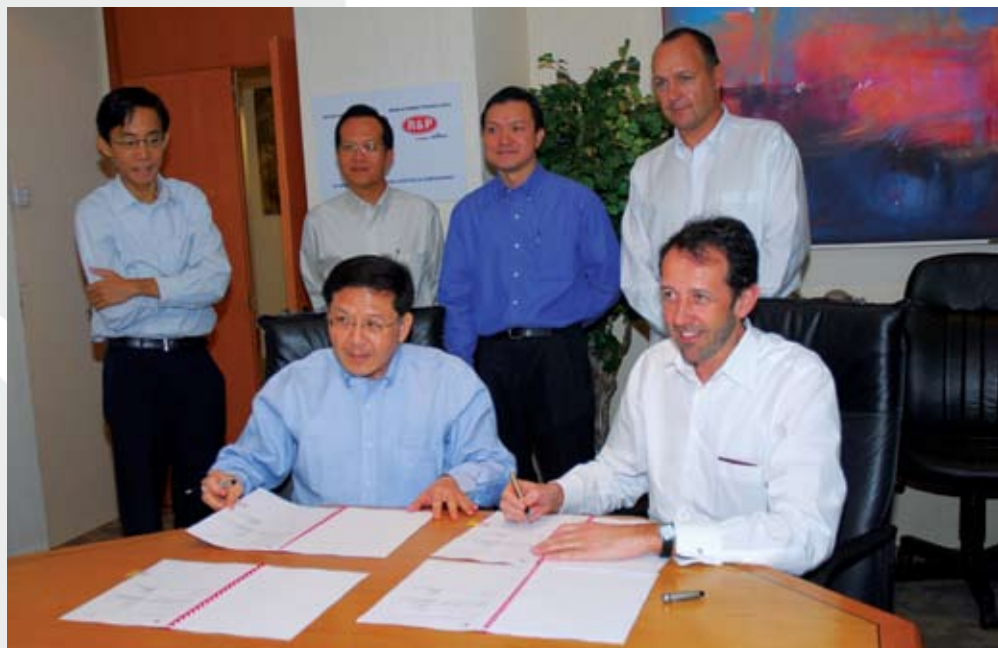
ling, processing and packaging capacity. Once in place, we'll be able to offer local polymer manufacturers a complete service, integrated across the entire line.

Quality and cost management

For the realization of this project, Katoen Natie sought the expertise of compounding specialists, Resin & Pigment Technologies. The company boasts a strong reputation in Singapore and offers solid guarantees when it comes to quality and cost management. To optimize the joint venture, our local partner will be closely involved in the design and management of the compounding installations and the 30,000 m² additional storage space. The official opening has been scheduled for the second half of this year. So stay tuned...

*Sitting, from left to right:
Mr. Tan Cheng Gay, (CEO & Chairman, EnGro Corporation) and Dirk Lannoo.*

*Standing, from left to right:
Mr. Wong Chi Tsung (Director, Resin & Pigment Technologies), Mr. Alex Tan (Managing Director, Resin & Pigment Technologies), Mr. Tseng Kau Chou (Director, Resin & Pigment Technologies) and Koen Cardon.*



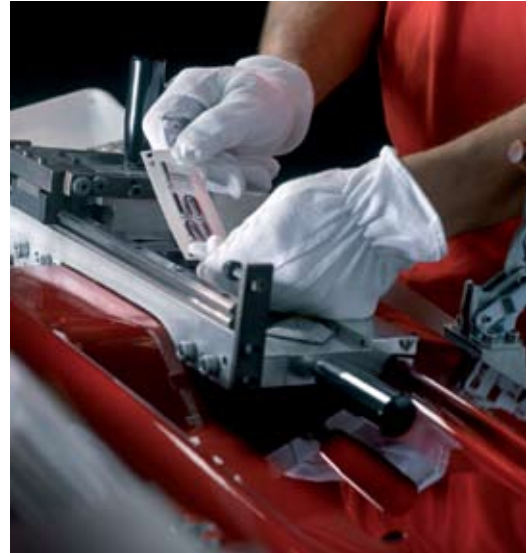
New projects in the automobile sector – also at Katoen Natie

Car Top Systems: new production unit at GM Antwerp

Last year, General Motors selected Car Top Systems (CTS) as roof system supplier for the new Opel Astra Twintop. CTS has since installed a complete production unit at the GM factory in Antwerp. Katoen Natie's SILS Center will be responsible for the storage of the roofing components en route for the CTS unit.

Two distribution centers for Global Garden Products

It's got wheels and a motor? Then it's the Industry Business Unit's business. Little wonder they have enjoyed an extremely fruitful cooperation with lawn mower manufacturer, Global Garden Products (GGP) since last year. GGP's mowers are marketed under such famous brand names as Stiga, Mountfield, Alpina and Castelgarden. GGP itself is in fact Europe's premier producer of motorized garden tools.



In the framework of the contract with GGP, Katoen Natie will be opening two new distribution centers: one reserved for the Scandinavian market in Trollhättan and one in Ghent that will service the rest of the world. An initial 8,000 m² has been allotted, a figure expected to multiply in the very near future.

VW Brussels: first module delivered through new tunnel

The first 30,000 m² of the new automobile park was already operational in December 2005. The next phase, comprising a further 30,000 m², has been in service since early May this year, right on schedule. Katoen Natie ensured a smooth realization of the complex, two-storey project. Now that everything is operational, Katoen Natie will take care of the sequenced delivery of exhaust systems and tunnel consoles. What's in a name? The tunnel console is the first module to make the trip to the assembly line through the brand new 420 m long tunnel connection.

Plastic Omnium transfers bumper assembly to SILS Center

Until now, Plastic Omnium used to assemble car bumpers in its own factory in Herentals. The company's activities will soon make the move to Katoen Natie's SILS Center in Antwerp. Such was the agreement reached just a few months ago by Katoen Natie and Plastic Omnium Herentals. Both parties are convinced the move will result in a mutually beneficial synergy.



Volvo Logistics Award: fourth time in a row

Katoen Natie do Brasil is Brazil's best logistics service provider for the chemicals and petrochemicals sector. And we're not the only ones saying that: Volvo do Brasil, the Coppead Institute at the University of Rio de Janeiro and the magazine, *Technologica* have all come to the same conclusion. They recently awarded

our Brazilian daughter company the prestigious Volvo Logistics Award for the fourth time in a row. Welcome recognition of our efforts on the Brazilian market, all the more because the award reflects the opinions of those who make intensive use of the logistics industry.

Basell: kick-off and expansion in one go

Basell's new PP compounding plant in Pindamonhangaba (São Paulo) is now operational. The choice of location between Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo is no coincidence, as the new plant is predominantly focused on the automobile sector.

Katoen Natie took care of the entire design and realization of the plant that has a capacity of 2,700 ton per month – a job it completed in record time. By early January, the setup was

rounded off beyond expectations. Now that the whole plant is operational, Katoen Natie continues its involvement in receiving the base materials and packing, storing and shipping the final product.

Following in the footsteps of similar projects in Great Britain and Japan, Pindamonhangaba is Katoen Natie's third compounding project for the Basell group.

Festivities surround Paulínia expansion

150 years of Katoen Natie, that calls for a celebration! And in Brazil, doubly so: with a massive party for all our Brazilian employees, customers and contacts, including local government and the press. Not to mention a Belgian delegation commanding respect: His Royal Highness, Prince Phillip of Belgium, VBO president, Jean-Claude Daoust, Minister for the Economy and Foreign Trade, Marc Verwilghen and Antwerp Port councillor, Leo Delwaide. A perfect opportunity, you would think, to announce Katoen Natie do Brasil's newest expansion plans. More specifically, extensions to the Paulínia facility (near Campinas-São Paulo), which is set to expand three-fold with the addition of a container terminal and a rail connection. The Paulínia terminal – which also serves as Katoen Natie do Brasil's head office – currently comprises 25,000 m² of storage space for plastics, fine chemicals and consumption goods. Alongside the 24 silos and blenders and the packing lines (FFS for granules

and powders, valve bags, big bags and octabins) the terminal will have its own container yard and rail connection with the port in Santos.



His Royal Highness, Prince Phillip greets Benoit Somers (Managing Director, Katoen Natie do Brasil) and Karin Huts (Vice-President, Katoen Natie) .

First inter-modal terminal on Antwerp's Left bank

Ideal hub for transport to European hinterland

Efficient, environmentally friendly and multifaceted. In a few words, that's Katoen Natie and TRW's new inter-modal terminal. The terminal – which is, by the way, a first for Antwerp's Left bank – is a thoroughfare for containers, pallets and trailers from debarkation en route for the rest of Europe.

The new terminal is a joint project between Katoen Natie and TRW. A true hub for inter-modal transport with excellent road and rail connec-

tions to the wider continent, the project's initial focus was on destinations in Italy and Spain. By the end of May, Neuss/Leipzig, France, Austria, Hungary, Slovakia, Romania and the Ukraine were added to that list.

Congestion-free transport

The benefits for TRW and Katoen Natie customers – afforded by the hub's location on the Left bank – are not to be underestimated.

Road traffic from and to the terminal bypasses the congested Antwerp ring road. By rail, there are direct daily connections with all international train traffic, without ADR surcharges for the transportation of dangerous goods. It goes without saying that the Antwerp port's own geography also guarantees innumerable connections by sea and canal. As for the terminal itself, the warehouse offers significant storage potential meeting the strictest security standards.



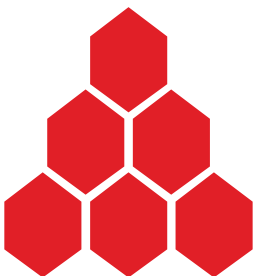
TOP project for DuPont

Reducing packaging lead time to just two days

Katoen Natie's contract with DuPont in the Antwerp port has just been extended. The central objectives of the new agreement comprise considerable reductions in cost and average packaging lead time from seven days to just two.

The cost cutting operation has been dubbed the name, TOP, which stands for Technology Optimized Packaging. In the framework of the new contract, Katoen Natie is constructing an onsite platform at its 1227 dock in the Antwerp

port. All equipment – FFS, Octec, palletizers and the like – will be exclusively reserved for DuPont. A dedicated administrative and operational team has also been put in place for the management of DuPont's supply lines.



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