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BYK production expansion successfully completed in Shanghai

- Ceremonial opening took place on December 28, 2022
- Major step in BYK's worldwide production strategy

Wesel / Shanghai, January 19, 2023 – For BYK, a leading global manufacturer of specialty chemicals, the Shanghai integrated site is the second production facility in China following BYK Tongling. The total investment of the phase II project (SCIP II), covering an area of 1.16 hectares, is in the low double-digit million euro amount, and the site is designed for an annual capacity of 4,750 tons. The entire phase II project was officially completed on March 18, 2022, and the first pail of the surface additive [BYKETOL-OK](#), which is applicable for automotive and industrial coatings, rolled off the production line on July 8.

With the official start of project phase II, BYK is significantly expanding its production capacity in China, thus offering its customers a diverse and complete product range including defoamers, surface additives, etc. These additives are widely applicable for automotive, industrial, furniture and architectural coatings, printing inks, adhesives, thermoplastics, thermosets, and many other applications, and they comprise various systems such as solvent-borne, solvent-free, low polarity, high polarity, etc.



BYK site in Shanghai - Click on the images to obtain a printable version. -

“The opening of SCIP II represents a crucial milestone in our global growth strategy. Many global value chains have a broad base in China. And China is the decisive growth market for us in the medium and long term,” said Dr. Tammo Boinowitz, Division President of BYK.

The BYK Additives Shanghai production expansion is only the beginning of BYK's development strategy in China. In the near future, the scale, energy level, and importance of the Shanghai site will also be further enhanced. As the frontier for

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intelligent production exploration, green factory, and technological innovation, the Shanghai integrated site will establish an intelligent manufacturing process with 85 percent automatic feeding, focus on the production of silicone additives with innovative technologies, and achieve an annual capacity of over 20,000 tons to provide more value for our customers.

BYK is a leading global supplier of specialty chemicals. The company's innovative additives and differentiated solutions optimize product and material properties as well as production and application processes. Amongst other things, BYK additives improve scratch resistance and surface gloss, the mechanical strength or flow behavior of materials, and properties such as UV- and light stability or flame retardancy. In the field of quality assurance, BYK's measuring and testing instruments serve to effectively assess appearance and physical properties.

The company's customers include manufacturers of coatings and printing inks, plastics, adhesives and sealants, as well as cleaners, floor coatings, and lubricants. BYK additives are also successfully used in the construction chemistry, oil and gas, and foundry industries.

BYK has a global network of subsidiaries and operates production sites in Germany (Wesel, Kempen, Moosburg, Schkopau), the Netherlands (Deventer, Nijverdal), and the UK (Widnes), in the USA (Wallingford, Chester, Gonzales, Louisville, Earth City and Pompano Beach), and in China (Shanghai, Tongling). The company is part of the ALTANA Group and employs a workforce of more than 2,500 people worldwide.

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