

BASF launches highly ecological tail sealant

Zurich, Switzerland - BASF Construction Chemicals, one of the world's leading suppliers of technical solutions for TBMs (Tunnel Boring Machines) in underground construction, has launched new MEYCO® TSG 26. TSG 26 is a specially developed tail sealant with low ecological impact designed for open mode EPB (Earth Pressure Balance) and hard rock TBMs.

In contrast to currently used tail sealant greases, TSG 26 is 100% oil free, contains mainly natural products and is completely inflammable. To add to its sustainability, a new ecological packaging will be used.

Together with MEYCO® TSG 6, TSG 26 rounds up the portfolio of BASF specialty chemicals for tunnel boring machines:

- MEYCO® SLF and RHEOSOIL® soil conditioning agents and polymers
- MEYCO® ABR anti-dust and anti-abrasion agents
- MEYCO® BSG bearing sealing greases
- MEYCO® EPB bearing lubrication greases
- MEYCO® GA admixtures for annulus grouts

In addition, BASF Construction Chemicals' offering to this market sector includes MEYCO® MP injection products and RHEOCEM® microcements as well as concrete admixtures for segmental lining.

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With this new product range, BASF Construction Chemicals is now the supplier of the most complete range of chemical systems for TBMs. Combined with the technical support of local tunneling specialists. BASF Construction Chemicals is able to offer a fast, bespoke and all-inclusive service to the tunneling industry.

About the division construction chemicals

BASF's Construction Chemicals division is the leading supplier of chemical systems and formulations for the construction industry. Continuous innovation and tailor-made solutions ensure its customers are more successful.

In the MEYCO Underground Construction unit, international tunneling and mining specialists work closely with contractors, design engineers and mining houses around the globe. They permit the seamless transfer of their state-of-the-art MEYCO® technology and services with complete packages that solve all underground engineering problems, safely and cost and time effectively: Expanding Horizons Underground. The division operates production sites and sales centers in more than 50 countries and achieved sales of €2.2 billion with approximately 7,700 employees in 2008.

About BASF

BASF is the world's leading chemical company: The Chemical Company. Its portfolio ranges from chemicals, plastics and performance products to agricultural products, fine chemicals and oil and gas. As a reliable partner BASF helps its customers in virtually all industries to be more successful. With its high-value products and intelligent solutions, BASF plays an important role in finding answers to global challenges such as climate protection, energy efficiency, nutrition and mobility. BASF has approximately 97,000 employees and posted sales of more than €62 billion in 2008. Further information on BASF is available on the Internet at www.basf.com.