

News

Conoco change proposed

Vista Chemical Company, an investment group that includes members of Conoco Chemicals management, hoped to complete an agreement with DuPont sometime early this year to purchase certain Conoco Chemicals assets.

The assets listed in an October 1983 news release included Conoco Chemicals' detergent-related manufacturing sites in Lake Charles, Louisiana and Baltimore, Maryland, as well as other manufacturing facilities at Aberdeen, Mississippi. Research and development personnel at Ponca City, Oklahoma, apparently would have the opportunity to go with Vista, a Conoco Chemicals spokeswoman said in early November, but the final agreement was still being negotiated at that time.

The Vista group had issued a statement that "The new management hopes to employ all current Conoco Chemical personnel, including about 350 Conoco Inc. employees who have historically provided us with support in the area of R&D, surface transportation, etc."

New Lever plant

Lever Brothers has formally dedicated a \$10 million sulfonation facility in Baltimore, Maryland.

AOCS member Robert E. Farmer, the plant manager, said the plant will produce active ingredients, previously purchased from outside suppliers, for manufacture of "Wisk" and "All" liquid detergents as well as Lux, Dove and Sunlight liquid dishwashing products.

The Lever Brothers facility is four stories high with 9,800 square feet of space on two working floors. The sulfonation plant is connected by enclosed walkways to the adjacent liquid detergent production building. Lever Brothers said its 47-acre site in Baltimore now includes seven buildings with a total of 870 employees.

Armak renamed

Armak, the U.S. oleochemical producer, officially became Akzo Chemie America the first of the year as part of its merger into Akzo Chemie, the Dutch firm that now owns all of Armak. Previously American investors owned about a third of the firm.

IFSCC Elects Amerchol's Maso

H.F. Maso of Amerchol has been elected 1983-84 president of the International Federation of Societies of Cosmetic Chemists. Maso succeeds A. Aubin of France.

Other officers selected include J. Rubín, Argentina, vice president; W. Pilz, Germany, treasurer; W.E. Lange, United States, honorary secretary and S. Ohta, Japan, J. Puig Martín, Spain, L. Motitschke, Germany and P.H. Rothwell, Great Britain, as committee members.

Calendar

AOCS NATIONAL MEETINGS

Annual Meeting, April 29-May 3, 1984, Fairmont Hotel, Dallas, TX.

Annual Meeting, May 5-9, 1985, Franklin Plaza Hotel, Philadelphia, PA.

Annual Meeting, May 11-15, 1986, Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu, Hawaii.

AOCS SHORT COURSES

AOCS Short Course on Fatty Acids, Sept. 23-26, 1984, Kings Island, OH. Contact: Meetings Coordinator, AOCS, 508 S. Sixth St., Champaign, IL 61820.

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Lecture, "Cosmetics—Functional and Aesthetic?" sponsored by the Society of Cosmetic Scientists, March 1, 1984, Royal Society of Arts, 6-8 John Adam St., London WC2, England. Details: Society of Cosmetic Scientists, Marshall Chambers, Mill Street, Luton, Beds. LU1 2NA, England.

XVth Meeting of the Spanish Committee on Surface Active Agents, March 21-23, 1984, Botanic Hotel, Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife. Contact: Secretaria de la Asociación de Investigación de Detergentes (A.I.D.), Jorge Girona Salgado, s/n, Edificio Juan de la Cierva, Barcelona-34, Spain.

Symposium, "The Interface between Cosmetic Science and Medicine," sponsored by the Society of Cosmetic Scientists, April 9-11, 1984, Stratford-upon-Avon Hilton Hotel, England. Details: Society of Cosmetic Scientists, Marshall Chambers, Mill Street, Luton, Beds. LU1 2NA, England.

Lecture, "Absorption of Materials By or Through Living Skin," sponsored by the Society of Cosmetic Scientists, May 3, 1984, Nottingham/Derby Post House, Sandiacre, Nottingham, England. Details: Society of Cosmetic Scientists, Marshall Chambers, Mill Street, Luton, Beds. LU1 2NA, England.

"Surfactants in Our World — Today and Tomorrow," CESIO Surfactant World Conference, May 6-10, 1984, Munich, Germany, Contact: CESIO, Avenue Louise 250, Boite 102, 1050 Brussels, Belgium.

Annual General Meeting, Society of Cosmetic Scientists, May 22, 1984, Charing Cross Hotel, Strand, London WC2, England. Details: Society of Cosmetic Scientists, Marshall Chambers, Mill Street, Luton, Beds. LU1 2NA, England.

XIII International Congress of the International Federation of Societies of Cosmetic Chemists, hosted by the Asociación Argentina de Químicos Cosméticos, Oct. 16-19, 1984, Centro Cultural General San Martín, Sarmiento 1515, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Details: General Secretary, Paraguay 647-4° P - OF. 17, 1057 Buenos Aires, Argentina.