

News briefs

Sherex Chemical has announced expansion plans for 1985 at its production facilities in Janesville, Wisconsin; Oakland, California, and Mapleton, Illinois.

A 15,000-gallon general purpose reactor, an additional tank farm and a new service laboratory are being added at the Janesville plant. In Oakland, the quaternary facility will have new environmental controls which Sherex says will result in an improved capability to service western markets by early 1985. At the largest Sherex plant at Mapleton, Illinois, engineering is almost completed for the addition of new fatty nitrile, distillation and amine capacities. Expanded storage for quaternaries and a debottlenecking of powdering capacity is now underway.

Sherex is a major producer of oleochemicals and is a subsidiary of the Industrial Chemicals Division of Schering, AG, West Germany.

Procter and Gamble Company has agreed to purchase Jetco Chemical Company, Texas, from Ceca, Inc., a subsidiary of Elf Aquitaine SA, of France. Jetco produces fatty amines and related chemicals. P and G's Industrial Chemicals Division produces a full line of fatty chemicals. Procter and Gamble also has announced that it will double the capacity of its Hamilton, Ontario natural glycerine refinery due to strong demand in the merchant market. This will be Procter and Gamble's fifth expansion of capacity in North America in six years. The company's total capacity for glycerine production is said to be 110 million pounds a year, making it the single largest North American natural glycerine producer.

Henkel Corporation has formed a new Chemical Services Division, serving the food processing industry with specialty cleaning and sanitizing chemicals, lubricants and applications equipment. Headquarters for the division will be in Burlington, Iowa, with manufacturing and warehousing locations through the USA.

The PQ Corporation, a leading manufacturer of soluble silicates and silica-based chemicals, has announced the appointment of Timothy E. Bistolos as national sales manager for its Industrial Chemicals Division, and of Perry A. Robinson as sales representative for the Specialty Chemicals Division . . . Stanley Silverman has been elected president of National Silicates Limited (NSL), Toronto, Canada, a subsidiary of the PQ Corporation which manufactures soluble silicates and supplies PQ specialty chemicals to the Canadian market . . . The **Harshaw/Filtrol Partnership**, also manufacturer of specialty chemicals, has named Fred M. Kaplan business manager for its industrial chemicals business center in Cleveland, Ohio. . . Ernest C. Segundo has been named president of **Vista Chemical Latin America S.A.**, a wholly owned subsidiary of Vista Chemical Company (formerly Conoco Chemicals). . . Joseph A. Bauer, technical services director of Porter Paint Co., Louisville, KY, has been elected 63rd president of the **Federation of Societies for Coatings Technology**. . . **Joseph A. Boelter** has been named vice president of marketing and sales for Inolex Chemical Co. . . **Witco** has acquired the Blue Island, Illinois, surfactant plant of Millmaster Onyx Group Inc. . . **Fritzsche Dodge & Olcott Inc.** has appointed Robert Eilerman director of research and Alexander Fleisher senior research chemist in its flavor division.

Errata

An article in the September JAOCS described a continuous hydrogenation unit at Emery Industries in Cincinnati as being designed by Brown and Root. Although the unit was engineered by Brown and Root, technology and design was provided by Rust Engineering, exclusive licensees for Lurgi in the United States.

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