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News briefs

A new bulk handling facility at Laredo, Texas, built by Süd-Chemie, A.G. of Germany, was dedicated in October. Süd-Chemie and its subsidiary, Quimica Sumex of Mexico, produce Tonsil activated clays.

The new facility will expedite shipments of products from Mexico to bulk users in the USA. Tonsil is used primarily in the purification of vegetable oils, fats, hydrocarbons and waxes of all kinds.

Construction of a circulating fluid catalytic cracking pilot plant has begun at Akzo Chemie America's Ketjen Catalyst facility in Pasadena, Texas. Scheduled for completion in the first quarter of 1985, the pilot plant is part of a \$40 million project that includes a manufacturing plant now under construction. M. Edward Morrison has been named general manager of the Pasadena complex.

The PQ Corporation, manufacturer of soluble silicates and silica-based chemicals, has announced the appointment of Thomas C. Donahue to the position of works manager for its Augusta plant where he will be responsible for industrial manufacturing activities and administrative services.

Witco Chemical Corporation has bought Continental Carbon Company, a subsidiary of Conoco Inc. Continental Carbon, headquartered in Houston, Texas, is a producer of carbon black sold primarily to the rubber industry for the manufacture of tires.

Inolex Chemical Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, has acquired Stepan Company's Protein Business, which supplies protein products to the personal care industry.

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