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2 Emery plants expanding

Emery Chemicals is expanding its specialty chemicals facilities at Mauldin, South Carolina, and Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. Total cost of the expansion projects is expected to exceed \$4.5 million.

At Mauldin, Emery has installed a new, 6,500-gallon ethoxylator, blending and storage tanks and related equipment. Further changes include new raw material and finished goods storage tanks, relocation and expansion of ethylene and propylene oxide storage, a warehouse and other material handling facilities to permit operation seven days a week.

At Lock Haven, Emery has installed equipment for manufacturing ethoxylated nonylphenols and other surfactants.

Products produced at these facilities include textile chemicals, surfactants, personal care product ingredients, aroma chemicals and other specialty chemicals.

Emery Chemicals also has named Richard G. Williams vice president and assistant general manager, and Barry L. Loeb director of manufacturing operations. Other appointments include Al M. Kovach, plant manager of Emery's Cincinnati plant; Robert P. Dames, director of oleochemicals; Jeff C. Porterfield, oleochemicals marketing manager, and Durfee L. Combs, administrative assistant to the general manager.

Zeolite catalyst plants

The PQ Corporation is expanding its synthetic zeolite facility in Kansas City, Kansas, with the construction of a specialty zeolite catalyst plant. Completion and start-up are scheduled for the latter part of 1985.

The major output of the current plant is detergent-grade zeolite A for the U.S. merchant market. The specialty catalyst plant is designed to convert sodium Y zeolite to ultrastable Y and other Y derivatives and also to manufacture proprietary custom catalysts and proprietary PQ sieves. According to PQ, the new unit will be able to produce molecular sieves that require either pressure or atmospheric crystallization.

PQ said it intends to become a raw materials supplier of Y zeolite products and proprietary sieves for merchant market applications and to produce finished catalysts and specialty adsorbent products on a custom basis.

ASTM seeks collaborators

ASTM Committee D-12 on Soaps and Other Detergents is seeking participants to help develop several proposed test methods and guides. These include the following: a) Method for measuring in-use foam generation and rinsing properties of hard surface cleaners; (b) Guide for testing cleaning performance of products intended for use on ceramic tiles; (c) Method for measuring surface appearance changes of substrate materials cleaned with abrasive cleaners; (d) Guide for measuring multi-cycle home laundry effects on textile finishes, and (e) Guide for measuring fabric softener properties in household laundry.

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News briefs

Stepan Co. has purchased the polyurethane systems and polyol business of Reichhold Chemicals Inc. The purchase includes the design and technology for manufacturing specialty polyols and urethane systems, as well as Reichhold's existing urethane business. In other company business, Stepan has transferred Glenn Horsch, surfactant sales representative, to the eastern region based in New Jersey. Horsch formerly was Midwest surfactant sales representative, based in Cleveland, Ohio.

DeSoto Inc. has named **Wayne Stancel** technical director of its chemical specialties division.

Ronald A. Lang has been named president of the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers Association.

John W. Duren has been named commercial director of industrial specialties in the specialty chemicals department of Dow Chemical U.S.A., Midland, Michigan.

Robert McCutchen has been appointed manager of product safety for Alkaril Chemicals Inc., a manufacturer of specialty surfactants for textile, personal care and industrial applications.

The **Society of Cosmetic Chemists**, England, has elected J. D. Middleton president for 1985/86. Other officers are P. J. Cooney, vice president; A. Janousek, honorary secretary; G. E. Taylor, honorary treasurer, and K. V. Curry, M. E. Loudon, M. R. Lovejoy and I. M. Phillipson, members of the council.

A circulating fluid catalytic cracking (FCC) pilot plant is now fully operational at **Akzo Chemie America's** Ketjen Catalysts facility in Pasadena, Texas. The new pilot plant is part of a \$40 million project at the site that included construction of an FCC catalysts manufacturing plant, new research and process laboratories and additional office space.