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Growing to Serve Mexico's Expanding Economy

HEXPOL Celebrates with Customers, Suppliers, and Government Officials

HEXPOL Compounding, a leading global provider of elastomer compounds, held an open house on November 16, 2016, at the company's Querétaro, Mexico, location to celebrate HEXPOL's latest investment in Mexico. Over 200 customers, suppliers, and dignitaries of the Mexican government attended the event for the commissioning of a new, advanced 135 Liter rubber mixing line, at a cost of approximately \$9.2 million dollars.

The new, third mixing line includes significant building and infrastructure additions to the Querétaro campus. It replicates the successful HEXPOL layout used at other HEXPOL campuses, with in-line straining, a proportionally sized batch-off to ensure optimal product conditioning, time-tested proprietary in-line process control, and state-of-the-art equipment and compound mixing technology.

The new line adds approximately 12,000 metric tons of capacity per year to the existing capacity of 41,000 metric tons provided by lines one and two, for a total of 53,000 metric tons per year. HEXPOL's other facility in Mexico, located in Aguascalientes, also has three lines, with 27,000 metric tons per year capacity. The company's total rubber compounding capacity in Mexico is now more than 80,000 metric tons per year – a 70 percent increase in mixing capacity in five years.

Please be sure to take a look at the photos from our open house in Mexico on November 16, 2016 on our HEXPOL Mexico portal:

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"We are here to celebrate another milestone achieved by our HEXPOL Mexico and HEXPOL NAFTA teams. But more importantly, we are here to celebrate all of you," Tracy Garrison, President and Chief Executive Officer of HEXPOL Compounding North America, told the audience as the open house celebration began. "We are very proud of the achievements made by the business community here in Querétaro and throughout Mexico, and certainly honored to be part of this growth and Mexico's progress to date. We look forward to years of mutual success ahead."

During the past two years HEXPOL has invested significantly to the growth, development, and leadership of its technical team. In 2014 Querétaro had 90 associates; today there are over 160 at the campus.

The investments in equipment, technology, laboratory and testing capabilities, as well as people illustrate the careful planning and timely expansion that has positioned HEXPOL to meet the growing demand for compounding in Mexico.

HEXPOL was honored with a visit from Mexico's Secretary of Sustainable Development & Environment, Marco Antonio del Prete Tercero. While touring the Querétaro campus and the new mixing line, he cited the benefits for the community and country by thanking businesses for investing in Mexico, which continues to be a country of unique development opportunities.

"The philosophy of HEXPOL, as shown by adding their third line to the Querétaro plant, is similar to the government philosophy in Mexico," the Secretary said. "Companies such as HEXPOL generate the investments for business growth and employment, and we in the government provide the necessary support."

The HEXPOL team in Querétaro has the right expertise in all business and operations aspects of compounding and custom mixing and is recognized for high-end manufacturing capacity, as well quality and worldwide technical service support.

Read more about our Mexico capabilities by scanning the code or by visiting: www.HEXPOLMexico.com



About HEXPOL Compounding

HEXPOL is the leading global developer and manufacturer of quality polymer compounds. The company provides proprietary and standard rubber compounding solutions to the automotive and transportation; energy, oil & gas; wire and cable; medical and pharmaceutical; general industrial; building and construction; water treatment; tire and toll, and consumer markets.

Sixteen locations in North America include legacy names such as Gold Key Processing, Burton Rubber Processing, Chase Elastomer, Colonial Rubber Works, Robbins LLC, Kardoes Rubber, HEXPOL Silicone Compounding, and RheTech. HEXPOL capabilities include: Rubber Compounding, Rolls, Specialty Products, Tire and Toll, Retreading, Thermoplastic and TPE Compounding, Silicone Compounding, and Outsourcing Services.