

Renovation main building Evonik completed: façade becomes a beacon at the Tijlmanstunnel–West.

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Antwerp – December 23st, 2013. *Evonik Antwerpen has strongly increased its visibility in the port of Antwerp. The main building, which houses the management and the administrative departments, needed a thorough facelift after 45 years of service. The concrete structure of the building was kept, but both the offices and the outside walls were fully renewed. The result is a fully renovated building, well insulated to the highest energy standards and designed according to the latest trends. The eye-catcher is the architecture of the front: with 116 LED-strips that can light up in different colours, the façades attracts the attention of people passing by at the Tijlmanstunnel–West. In this way Evonik fulfils its performance pledge ‘Power to Create’.*

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Evonik Antwerpen is located for more than 45 years in the port of Antwerp. It is the largest production site outside Germany of the well-known chemical giant and has been one of the key players in the Antwerp chemical cluster for many years. The administrative main building of the factory, in which management, staff services and administration have their offices, was built at the end of the sixties and needed renovation. In 2007 was started with the conversion of the interior into a modern design. The outside was fully stripped and replaced by a new covering. Extra insulation was applied all over, which should reduce the heating costs by 50%.

“We want to create a workspace which is fun and pleasant for our employees. With the new façade we consciously go a step further than an average office building. We want to radiate, both literally and figuratively, that we are an attractive employer, who is not afraid of a modern and striking architecture,” says Stefan Kroll, Managing Director of Evonik Antwerpen. “But also for people who do not work with us, our building is worth seeing. Based on the first reactions, I think that our building has become a strong beacon in the port and at the Scheldelaan.

Evonik Antwerpen

Evonik is one of the world's leading specialty chemicals companies and is active in over 100 countries around the world. In fiscal 2012 more than 33,000 employees generated sales of around €13.4 billion. The Evonik site in Antwerp employs around 1,000 employees and has an area of 109 ha with 11 production plants. This makes Antwerp one of the largest sites of the Evonik group.

In Antwerp products for a wide variety of applications are manufactured: raw materials for silicones for the electronics and communications market and also for animal nutrition and solar cells.

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