

PPG Aerospace Expands Sealants Production Capacity at UK Facility

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SHILDON, England--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 1, 2014-- PPG Industries (NYSE:PPG) has upgraded aerospace sealants manufacturing operations at its Shildon, England, facility with installation of new equipment to increase capacity and efficiency to meet growing demand.



SEALANTS PRODUCTION at PPG Industries' (NYSE:PPG) Shildon, England, facility has been upgraded to increase capacity and efficiency to meet future demand. Here, sealant operator Kelly Lyons produces accelerators used in two-component sealants. (Photo: Business Wire)

weights. They also work with customers to develop and produce customized sealant solutions, such as PRC(R) seal caps that are used to dome-seal fasteners.

The Shildon facility has been in operation since 1967 and also produces aerospace coatings.

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According to Sean Lambourne, PPG market manager for sealants in the EMEA (Europe, Middle East and Africa) region, the state-of-the-art equipment gives PPG flexibility to respond quickly to higher demand by being able to increase capacity several times, adjusting batch sizes and shift operation.

"This is a significant expansion for Shildon and positions us well for expected growth of aerospace sealants in Europe, the Middle East, India and Africa," Lambourne said. "The added capacity expands PPG's global sealants manufacturing footprint, complementing the sealants product line made at Mojave, California."

The first phase of the expansion was completed on the cell that produces accelerators used in two-component sealants for high-performance aerospace fuel tank and fuselage applications, Lambourne said. The second phase was on the cell that produces the base compound, supporting all polysulfide and polythioether polymer production for those same high-performance products, he said.

The Shildon facility predominantly services the EMEA region through PPG application support centers in Shildon; Hamburg, Germany; Gonfreville, France; and Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The ASCs repackage sealants in SEMCO(R) packaging and application systems with value-added packaging that includes premixed, frozen sealant and SEMKIT(R) packages that provide mixed sealant at customized fill

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