

Kemira: Tikkurila opens a logistics and customer service center in Mytishchi near Moscow

Tikkurila, which is responsible for Kemira's paints and coatings business, is opening a new logistics and customer service center in Mytishchi near Moscow. The resulting more efficient supply chain will give a competitive edge to Tikkurila as soon as the market picks up. The official inauguration of the center takes place today, on April 21, 2009.

The construction work of this approximately EUR 20 million investment was started in August 2007 and was completed in 2009. Operations came on-stream in January of this year. The building volume is 86,600 m³, and the floor area totals 9,900 m², of which 5,400 m² is taken up by warehouse operations and 4,500 m² by office premises. The storage capacity of the warehouse is 7,500 pallet places or 3.0 million liters of paint.

All Tikkurila's activities in the Moscow area, including sales, marketing and warehousing, have already moved into the modern, spacious premises. The center also houses facilities for customer training, which is an integral part of Tikkurila's marketing.

Lemcon LTD has acted as main contractor of the logistics center, and the Architect's Office Ilonen & Lautamo Ky is responsible for the design. A team of Tikkurila's own professionals was also involved in this project.

Tikkurila has five paint factories in Russia. Products from these factories are sold under the brands of Teks, Finncolor, Gamma and Ohtek. The company has also been exporting paints and coatings to Russia for decades under the Tikkurila and Tikkurila Coatings brand names. The new logistics and customer service center aims at considerably improving Tikkurila's service level in the Moscow area.

Tikkurila is the leading paints and coatings company in Finland, Sweden and Russia and one of the leaders in its field in the Baltic States. Tikkurila provides consumers, professional painters and industrial users with branded products in some 40 countries. The range consists of decorative paints and coatings for the wood and metal industries. In 2008, the company had a revenue of approximately EUR 648 million and a payroll of 4,000 employees.

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