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Stork moves complete plant from IJmuiden to Geleen

Dismantled, transported and rebuilt on schedule

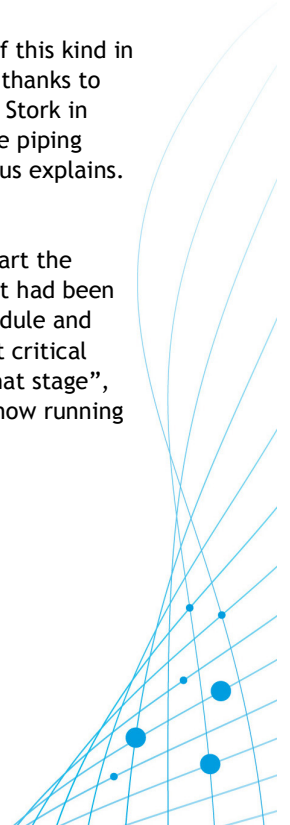
Stork Technical Services has relocated the nitric acid 5 plant of OCI Nitrogen (formerly DSM Agro) from IJmuiden to Geleen. This complex and extensive move was successfully completed within eight months. The plant is now once again operating at full capacity in Geleen.

The plant of the former DSM Agro was closed at the end of 2009 at the request of the Dutch government. Supplying the plant in IJmuiden involved 116 ammonia train movements per year from Geleen to IJmuiden. Nitric acid, used as a semi-finished product for the production of artificial fertilizer, is made from ammonia, a toxic and volatile gas. For environmental and safety reasons, the government wanted to stop the transport of ammonia by rail through residential areas. OCI Nitrogen therefore decided to dismantle the nitric acid plant in IJmuiden and to move it in its entirety to Geleen, where the company's other nitric acid plants are located.

Proven experience

OCI Nitrogen contacted Stork for the relocation. "Stork has proven experience with projects of this kind in the (petro)chemical industry. And - also important - they were able to offer a favorable price thanks to their experience", says Gert Jan de Geus, COO of OCI Nitrogen. The plant was handed over to Stork in December 2009. Challenging during the dismantling process was that asbestos was found in the piping valves and seals. "That first had to be removed before the move could be carried out", De Geus explains. "But Stork responded flexibly to the resulting schedule changes."

However, the plant was still moved to Geleen within the agreed time and Stork was able to start the rebuilding in March of this year. The mechanical completion was reached on 31 July. The plant had been fully rebuilt, not a single component was left over, and the work had been completed on schedule and within budget. The burners were lit for the first time on 16 August. "That was one of the most critical moments of the entire operation, because it's always possible for something to go wrong at that stage", De Geus explains. But that wasn't the case. After a few small start-up problems, the plant is now running just as well as before. "We've completed a mega-job together in just eight months."



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OCI Nitrogen

OCI Nitrogen, consisting of OCI Agro and OCI Melamine (two former DSM divisions) is Europe's second-largest nitrate producer and the world's largest manufacturer of melamine.

OCI Nitrogen produces artificial fertilizer for agriculture and melamine. The latter is used in products like particle board, plates and cutlery.

Stork Technical Services

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