



(Waste)water



This month's special topic of desalination, water and wastewater has prompted the ISSF's John Rowe to write an article about how stainless steel pipes have helped resolve leakages in Tokyo's water system. Given the scale of leaks reported elsewhere, it seems many authorities would be wise to follow suit.

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End-User Interview



SSWN recently had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Abdelkader Meroufel who works for the Desalination Technologies Research Institute in Saudi Arabia. He kindly discussed the use of stainless steels in desalination and revealed his determination to find the most appropriate material for each application.

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In the Spotlight:

From April 16 to 20 the world's leading wire and Tube trade fairs will open their doors at the Düsseldorf Exhibition Center to welcome decision-makers and experts from the wire and tube sectors. And as our Spotlight reveals, Messe Düsseldorf GmbH is also set to stun future visitors with the most ambitious building project in the company's history.

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BUTTING - Sosta



BUTTING Group has taken over the operation of Sosta GmbH & Co. KG in Könnern near Halle. The new company has been entered in the Commercial Register as Sosta stainless pipes GmbH.

With the purchase and transfer agreement of 5 October 2017, Sosta

stainless pipes GmbH acquired all the material and immaterial assets of Sosta GmbH & Co. KG for business and production operations on the Könnern site. Sosta stainless pipes GmbH is now entered in the Commercial Register of the Stendal District

Court. The entry in the Commercial Register explicitly states that liabilities of the seller have not been acquired or transferred and these have also not been taken over by Sosta stainless pipes GmbH. The same applies to Sosta B.V. in the Netherlands.

BIBUS Group acquires the majority of S + D Spezialstahl

BIBUS HOLDING AG, a 70-year-old, owner-managed, Swiss-based and internationally oriented trading and service company, will take over S + D Spezialstahl GmbH, with headquarter in Stelle near Hamburg, effective retroactively from 1st July 2017.

S + D Spezialstahl GmbH, founded in 1997, is a leading European stock holder of materials such as titanium and titanium alloys, nickel and nickel-based alloys plus special stainless steels for applications in industries including aviation, automotive, medical and chemical. The company has extensive service centre operations employing 35 people in Germany, France, Italy, the Czech Republic as well as in the UK. Furthermore, the

company will be led by Olaf Schenk, founder and minority partner, and Uwe Friebertshäuser, Managing Director.

The BIBUS METALS Group, part of BIBUS HOLDING AG, with subsidiaries in Switzerland, Germany, France, the UK, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania and China, is enhanced by S + D Spezialstahl GmbH. There are small overlaps on mutual stock programmes, customers and supplier relationships. The management of both companies is convinced that due to the very close relationship a significant benefit for customers will be generated.

The BIBUS Group was founded in 1947 by Dipl. Ing. Hans Bibus and is today led in its

third generation by Christian Bibus and Dr. Conrad Ulrich-Bibus. Approximately 1,100 persons are employed in more than 50 subsidiaries over more than 30 countries in Europe and Asia. The group is divided into the three areas of expertise, technology (mechatronics, pneumatics, hydraulics and environmental technology), materials (stainless steel, aluminium, nickel-base alloys, titanium, zirconium, tantalum) and electronics (industrial computers, electronics and software). Under the slogan "SUPPORTING YOUR SUCCESS" and its core competencies of products / logistics, engineering and service, BIBUS puts itself at the service of its customers.

Raccortubi approved to ISO 9001:2015

After rigorous certificate renewal and transition audits being successfully completed by Lloyd's Register, Raccortubi succeeded in turning from ISO 9001:2008 to the most updated ISO 9001:2015 standard.

Such an achievement proves the high commitment of the company to the entire Manage-

ment System Quality that allowed Raccortubi to fall within the new relevant parameters.

A deep evaluation of the overall organization was carried out, certifying that the company is endowed with all the tools and requirements to meet its stakeholders' requests in the mid-long term.

The new ISO 9001:2015 pays also special attention to risk management, in a risk-based thinking perspective to be spread throughout the entire company. Quality becomes everyone's responsibility, thus reinforcing the importance of each individual contribution to the best company performance.

Outokumpu: Ultra Alloy 825

Outokumpu has extended its product portfolio by introducing Ultra Alloy 825. This is a titanium stabilized austenitic nickel-based alloy with an addition of copper. It is primarily used

for processing equipment in the chemical and oil and gas industries due to its exceptional corrosion resistance against some acids as well as under so-called sour service conditions, i.e. in environ-

ments containing hydrogen sulfide.

Ultra Alloy 825 fulfills the requirements of W.-Nr. 2.4858, UNS N08825 and ISO NW8825 in the relevant material standards.

10th anniversary for conference

Amidst a buzz of excitement and a cloud of golden balloons the tenth jubilee edition of the Stainless Steel World conference & exhibition kicked off from 28 to 30 November in Maastricht, the Netherlands. With a record number of attendees, a vibrant mix of familiar friends and new faces celebrated two decades of successfully bringing

together the global corrosion resistant alloy community. However the main

focus was firmly on the future, judging where the industry is heading and helping exhibitors and delegates alike to anticipate and benefit from the



recovering global market, reports Joanne McIntyre. You can find a selection of images from the conference and exhibition on page 4 of this journal.

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