

Press Release

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Ulrike Flach, Member of the German Bundestag visits BYK-Chemie Wesel

Wesel, July 21, 2004 – Ulrike Flach today visited BYK-Chemie, Wesel, a company of ALTANA Chemie AG. The FDP politician is a Member of the German Bundestag, Chair of the Committee for Education, Research and Technology Assessment, and Deputy Regional Chair for the FDP in North Rhine-Westphalia. Ulrike Flach was accompanied by Friedrich Eifert, Chair of the FDP Group Wesel.

The focus of the visit to Wesel was an informative exchange of views concerning the research, development and application technology of BYK-Chemie as it affects the status of Germany as a business location. Dr Roland Peter, Chairman of the Management Board of BYK-Chemie, and Dr. Andreas Diez, Managing Director of Technology and Materials Management, also made clear the opportunities and risks of the EU's chemicals policy. This was followed by a tour of the application technology research labs and the new production plant.

ALTANA Chemie develops and produces high-quality, innovative products in the specialty chemicals business. The specialty chemicals activities of the ALTANA Group as a globally active group of companies are consolidated in ALTANA Chemie AG. ALTANA Chemie AG with its headquarters in Wesel, Germany, is the holding company for the three business units of Additives & Instruments, Coatings & Sealants and Electrical Insulation. ALTANA Chemie provides innovative and environmentally compatible solutions, along with the appropriate special products, for coatings manufacturers, paint and plastics processors, and the electronics industry. The range of products includes additives, special coatings, sealants, compounds, impregnating agents, and testing and measuring equipment. In its target markets the company occupies a leading position in terms of quality, product solutions, innovation and service. In 2003 ALTANA Chemie, with over 2,600 employees, achieved sales of €775m. Sectorally, therefore, ALTANA Chemie is among the most innovative, fast-developing and profitable chemical corporations in the world.

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