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Two Laby[®] Compressors to Austria for Polyethylene Plant

Burckhardt Compression delivers two labyrinth piston compressors to Borealis Schwechat for a new polyethylene plant in a petrochemical complex.

Burckhardt Compression recently recorded an order from Borealis for a new petrochemical complex of Borealis Schwechat, Austria. The contract comprises two labyrinth piston compressors (Laby[®]), serving a reactor train of a polyethylene plant.

These compressors deliver a hydrocarbon mix, using the Borstar process. This process is a technology which offers polyethylene (PE) and polypropylene (PP) materials that are stronger and more easily processed than conventional materials. For this specific process high reliability operation is required and experience is needed to manufacture and supply the adequate material. The compressors are scheduled to be delivered by end 2004. Burckhardt Compression's subsidiary in Italy (Burckhardt Compression (Italia) S.r.l.) supported the company in securing the order.

Note to the Editors

Borealis is a leading supplier of high-quality polyolefin plastics - polyethylene and polypropylene - producing over 3.5 million tons of these plastics per year. The Borealis head office is in Denmark and the Group has manufacturing sites and operations in Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Finland, Germany, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, the United Arab Emirates and the USA.

Borealis is owned 50% by the Norwegian oil company Statoil, 25% by IPIC, the International Petroleum Investment Company of Abu Dhabi and 25% by OMV, the Austrian oil and gas group.

Borstar is a registered trademark of Borealis A/S.
Learn more about Borealis at www.borealisgroup.com

About the Laby[®] compressor and Burckhardt Compression

Laby[®] compressors are used in the chemical and petrochemical industry. Laby[®]s compress bone-dry, dirty, abrasive and other gases with no contamination and without oil, with a discharge pressure up to 300 bar (4350 psi), flow up to 11'000 Nm³/h (6500 scfm), shaft power up to 2100 kW (2800 HP). Laby[®] compressors are extremely reliable machines with unexcelled availability, combining high performance with a unique cooling system. Burckhardt Compression's Laby[®] easily



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manages the compression of LNG boil-off gas at suction temperatures down to minus 160°C (250 F).

Burckhardt Compression is a world leader in reciprocating compressor technology and the only manufacturer of a complete series of labyrinth piston (Laby[®]), process gas, and hyper compressors for numerous applications. Their compressors are used in the field of oil refining, chemical and petrochemical industries, air separation, as well as gas transport and storage. Burckhardt Compression has a worldwide service network.

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