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PPG & Vista - Partners in New VCM Facility

PPG Industries and Vista Chemical Company announced in June 1995 the formation of PMH Monomers, a jointly-owned company that will expand the vinyl chloride monomer (VCM) production capacity at PPG's existing Lake Charles facility.

The project is owned equally by Vista and PPG and builds on a 25-year customer-supplier relationship between the two companies. This strategic alliance is designed to capitalize on each company's position in the chlorine/ethylene/vinyl chain. It will result in a major expansion of the present PPG VCM plant and enhance the cost competitiveness of both companies.

The capacity of the PMH Monomers plant is expected to be 1.15 billion pounds per year, an increase of 500 million pounds from the current PPG plant capacity. The expansion is targeted for completion in the first quarter of 1997.

"The project will enable the retention of existing jobs at both the PPG and Vista facilities and ensure the continued economic contribution of these plants to the Southwest Louisiana economy," said Tom Brown, PPG works manager. "In fact, when completed in 1997, the new plant will mark 50 years of

continued involvement by PPG in the community and its economic expansion," he added.

"The increased VCM capacity is integral to Vista's ongoing expansion of its polyvinyl chloride (PVC) business," according to Pat Jernigan, vice president and general manager operations, for Vista. "The formation of PMH Monomers will make it possible for Vista to pursue growth and competitive strategies we believe are necessary in today's marketplace," Jernigan said.

PPG Industries, headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pa., is a major global producer of chlor-alkali and derivatives and specialty chemicals, coating and resins, film and fabricated glass, and fiberglass.

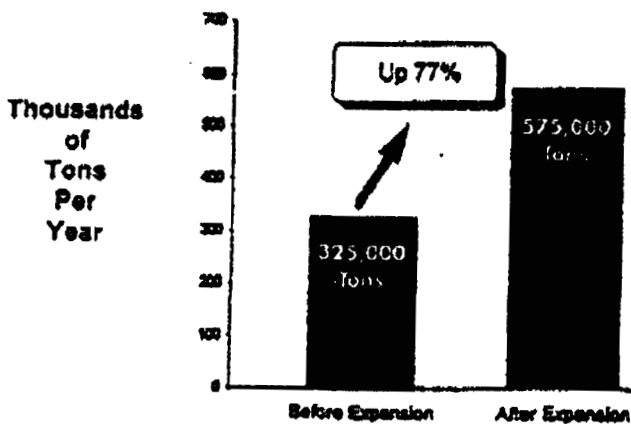
Vista produces recyclable PVC resins and compounds used to fabricate a variety of consumer and industrial products, including wire and cable coatings, pipe and fittings, wallcoverings, and automotive parts. Vista, headquartered in Houston, is a wholly-owned U.S. subsidiary of RWE-DEA AG for Mineralien und Chemie of Hamburg, Germany.

RWE-DEA is the petroleum and chemicals arm of RWE AG, a diversified energy and technology group based in Essen, Germany.



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