

Press Release

DISPERBYK®-2012 awarded the BYK Advance Innovation Prize 2010

Wesel - July 8, 2011: The innovative approach to a solution, the high market relevance, and the exceptional teamwork exhibited during the development of DISPERBYK®-2012 convinced the panel of judges when it was time to award this year's innovation prize.

Universally applicable waterborne wetting and dispersing additive

DISPERBYK®-2012 is the first choice for resin-containing pigment grinds for both water-reducibles and emulsions. It provides good stabilization of a wide range of pigments, such as organic pigments and carbon blacks. It is an extremely compatible wetting and dispersing additive for resin-containing grinds. Furthermore, DISPERBYK®-2012 is suitable for slurry grinds that contain co-solvents, amines, or surfactants.

Awarding criteria

Because success is always the result of multiple factors, the chemical engineering involved in product development was not the only focus of the award. The teamwork that led to the development of this innovative solution was a particularly salient component of the project assessment and thus key for the awarding of the prize. And this year, a total of three teams were involved in the development of this innovative wetting and dispersing additive!

The BYK Advance Innovation Prize has been awarded for four years now. The Innovation Prize 2007 went to the developers of the coupling agent BYK®-C 8000, the development team of BYK®-SILCLEAN 3720 was awarded the prize in 2008, and BYK Advance Innovation Prize 2009 went to BYK®-3550.

About BYK Additives & Instruments:

BYK Additives & Instruments is one of the world's leading suppliers in the additives and instruments sector. Approximately 87% of our sales are generated by foreign countries. Our major export markets are Europe, the United States, and the Far East.

Additives are chemical substances that are used in small quantities to improve product properties such as scratch resistance or surface gloss. Manufacturing processes are also optimized through the use of additives.

The coatings, printing inks, and plastics industries are some of the main areas of application of BYK additives. Yet in paper surface finishing, or the production of adhesives and sealants as well as construction chemistry, BYK additives are also improving the product properties and production processes. In 2009 BYK extended its portfolio with raw materials for the production of mold release agents for aluminum die casting.

BYK Instruments can quantify the quality of color and gloss and the physical properties of paint, plastic and paper products. Instruments from BYK are predominantly used for quality control.

BYK Additives & Instruments is a member of ALTANA, Wesel. ALTANA develops and produces high-quality, innovative products in the sector of specialty chemicals.

BYK Additives & Instruments employs around 1,300 people worldwide, 25% of whom work in research and development departments or technical laboratories.

This press release is also available on the internet at: www.byk.com/press_releases.

Date
July 8, 2011

Page
1/1

Contact person
Market Communication

Frank Dederichs
Head of Market Communication
Tel +49 281 670-25004
Fax +49 281 670-25049

Verena Skelnik
Market Communication
Tel +49 281 670-25020
Fax +49 281 670-25049

BYK-Chemie GmbH
Abelstrasse 45
46483 Wesel, Germany
Germany
Tel +49 281 670-0
Fax +49 281 65735
info@byk.com
www.byk.com