



Magnesium hydroxide for scrubbers now available by barge in Antwerp and Rotterdam

De Wit Transport BV and Europiren BV have today announced their cooperation for the supply of MagTreat-S[®], magnesium hydroxide for use in exhaust gas cleaning systems (scrubbers) on board of vessels in the Antwerp-Rotterdam area.

With the introduction of IMO 2020 the limits for sulphur emissions from vessels are drastically reduced. One of the means to comply with the new regulations is to install scrubbers on board of vessels. The so-called hybrid and closed-loop scrubbers require the use of an alkali. International practice shows that the use of a scrubber together with the combustion of fuel oil with a high sulphur content is the most economical and at the same time the most environmentally friendly option. Magnesium hydroxide is a mild, but very effective alkali that is safe to use (no ADR good).

MagTreat-S[®] is the only natural magnesium hydroxide that can compete in chemistry and performance with synthetic magnesium hydroxide. It is a stabilised slurry with a solids content of 65%. MagTreat-S[®] has quickly gained recognition in the market thanks to its excellent performance and optimal supply chain. MagTreat-s[®] is made in several strategically located slurry make down terminals in Europe. For the deliveries in the Antwerp-Rotterdam area the slurry is made at WideScope BV in Ghent.

Henk Don, Managing Director of Europiren: “Until now we supplied the MagTreat-S[®] by truck, but due to the fast growing volumes truck deliveries on terminals became more and more an issue. That’s why we are very pleased that together with De Wit Transport we can now supply MagTreat-S[®] board/board, which is a much faster operation and without interruption of the vessels other operations”

Peter de Wit, director of De Wit Transport: “The transport and delivery of magnesium hydroxide fits in well with our activities. We had noticed the increased demand for magnesium hydroxide and we expect to see a continued strong growth. That is why we have dedicated a barge especially to MagTreat-S[®].”

Europiren (based in Rotterdam) is the exclusive distributor of Russian Mining Chemical Company (RMCC), a leading producer of magnesium hydroxide. RMCC owns 2 of the world’s largest brucite (mineral form of magnesium hydroxide) deposits and produces close to 350.000 tonnes per year. Other important markets are polymers and plastics, paper and pulp, agriculture and waste water treatment.

De Wit Transport (based in Antwerp) is a niche player in inland shipping of bulk products. The company has a broad experience in this sector through long-term relationships with customers on the one hand and on the other hand De Wit Transport is part of the Charles De Wit Holding, with more than 70 years of experience in bunkering through its subsidiaries De Wit Bunkering (inland shipping) and BTB (maritime shipping).

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