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Dear Customers, Dear Readers,

This newsletter has been created to keep you informed, every month, of the company's developments and the progress of the modernisation work at the Inertam site.

A new direction

In order to increase efficiency and responsiveness, the Group's organisation has been redesigned and new managers have been appointed.

Sandra Ipinazar has been appointed Plant Manager. Sandra holds a science degree and began her career at Veolia Group, where she worked as manager of a waste-to-energy plant for just over 6 years.

She then joined the Europlasma group in 2014 as Deputy Manager of CHOPEX, operator of the CHO Morcenx waste gasification power plant.

This new organisation will allow us to unite the teams around common objectives in order to implement our strategic plan. The primary objective is to resume production at the plant under the best possible conditions and with the shortest possible lead time.



A word from the Director



Sandra Ipinazar
Site Director

"This year has been marked by a reorganisation of the EUROPLASMA group, as part of which I was entrusted with the management of the Inertam plant. I am committed to working with all our employees in order to quickly relaunch our business and focus on future possibilities. Major works have begun and will be carried out over the next few months (maintenance, equipment changes, building construction). You can follow them in our monthly newsletters."

Where do we stand ?

Focus on the contained load preparation area

As this zone handles asbestos waste, the load preparation area is slightly lower than the surrounding environment so that no volatile substances can escape. This area is facing major operational difficulties. The fact is that crushing batches containing screed dust emits a large number of particles, the volume of which was not taken into account during the design of the plant. Furthermore, transferring waste from one conveyor belt to another in this area produces dust and airborne particles which make human intervention on the equipment complicated.

The furnace feeding process is thus being redesigned, with the aim of eventually implementing a dynamic, sealed dust removal system. With a few more improvements, the dust will follow the process to the vitrification stage, instead of being left suspended in the air. To date, the new process has been decided on, the specifications are being drafted and consultations with suppliers have begun. Thanks to this undertaking, the plant will regain full use of its facilities. Furthermore, this will facilitate interventions and maintenance.



Next steps

The containers in which the asbestos waste is delivered (Big Bags) must be protected from climate damage. Due to the fact that production stopped, some of this waste has remained in storage for an unusually extended period. An operation will soon be undertaken to optimise the location of the storage areas by moving and/or repackaging the waste. We are currently assessing the operating conditions and methods. In addition to the existing structures, there are plans to build hangars equipped with photovoltaic panels. The companies we have approached are reviewing the options for an 8,000 m² site with capacity to store at least 3,500 tonnes of waste.

This investment will be largely self-financed by the resale or self-consumption of the electricity generated.

The internal layout of these new hangars is currently under review, one option being to use stackable metal racks called Kit-Bags.



The site's day-to-day

Following on from the site cleaning mentioned last month, a large number of end-of-life equipment items were collected in the dedicated channels. Around twenty non-reusable containers are in the process of being dismantled and recycled.

