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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.

Where do we stand ?

Work has continued on the project's sanitary aspects and all of the new load preparation line's mechanical equipment is now installed in the contained area. In addition, a new fuel injection line has been installed outside the area. This extra line is intended to refine the waste preparation process and thereby reduce the nitrogen dioxide emissions in smoke at source as much as possible.

In addition, a new hoist has been installed in the load preparation area and will soon be wired up. This equipment replaces the old one which had become obsolete, meaning that its spare parts were no longer available from the supplier. A regulatory inspection of the hoist is planned shortly to ensure that it is fully operational and ready for production to resume.

Reassembly from the furnace output to post-combustion stage was carried out in April and the post-combustion and flue assembly of the "deNOx" equipment is being finalised. This will be followed by connecting up the piping and electrical equipment of the various peripherals (urea tank, water network, instrumentation and control, etc.).

With the furnace already in place, operations to bring all utilities (water, air, hydraulic unit, electricity, etc.) and the plasma torches back into service have begun to enable the facility to be heated up before the end of June.

At the same time, a working group has been created to write the operating procedures and train the operating personnel to use the new equipment in order to ensure that the facility resumes operation under the best conditions.



Waste conveyor spare parts

Next steps

- ▶ Mechanical and electrical connections of the load preparation equipment and the "deNOx" equipment have been finalised.
- ▶ Checks, loop tests and trials and adjustment of various equipment items have begun.
- ▶ Heating of the plant with the aim of restarting plant operation at the beginning of July.

Imminent restart

After several months' work, the restarting of the facility is now imminent. The plant will restart in the first week of July.

Once the facility's gradual restart protocol has been completed and all the equipment has been checked, the plant will be able to resume production with the long-term objective of vitrifying 6,000 tonnes of asbestos waste each year. Initially, priority will be given to resorbing part of the stock of asbestos waste already present on the site and then Inertam will gradually agree to receive new asbestos waste.



Post-combustion equipment

The new process in the load preparation area has been simplified as much as possible to minimise human intervention in equipment maintenance and to facilitate the transport of waste to the furnace to avoid untimely stoppages in the production chain.

Furthermore, the sealing of the waste conveying equipment has been improved to drastically reduce the dust in this contained area, thereby significantly increasing the plant's availability.

The modernisation and increased reliability of the equipment in the load preparation area will enable large quantities of asbestos waste to be treated flexibly and robustly, regardless of its type and composition. As a result, Inertam will be able to continue its work under the best conditions by providing a sustainable and responsible solution for all those owning or possessing asbestos waste.

Site day-to-day life



Like all industries, the COVID-19 epidemic has radically changed how we organise our work. To guarantee the best safety conditions for employees and the external companies working on the site, the company has implemented concrete solutions for each work situation:

- ▶ Using teleworking and remote meetings whenever possible;
- ▶ Renting additional bungalows for the external companies;
- ▶ Staggering working hours to limit the number of people on the site at any time;
- ▶ Limiting the number of people who can be in the closed rooms at any time;
- ▶ Providing equipment such as hydro-alcoholic gel, virucidal disinfectants, Plexiglas screens, gloves, masks, etc. in offices, common rooms, vehicles, etc.

All these measures we have introduced have enabled us to continue the work in complete safety and meet the schedule.