

Press Release

Anheuser-Busch InBev and ACTEGA partnering to boost PVC-free bottle closures in China

ACTEGA to build new production line in Foshan, South China

Foshan (China) / Bremen (Germany), February 3, 2016 - Anheuser-Busch InBev (AB InBev), the leading global brewer, and ACTEGA, a leading coatings and sealants manufacturer and member of the ALTANA Group, have entered into a partnership in which ACTEGA will provide PVC-free closure compounds to AB InBev in China. To this end, ACTEGA will build an additional production line at its Foshan site in South China. "We are looking forward to manufacturing our proven high-end products directly in China," says ACTEGA Division President Dr. Roland Peter. "This is an important new step in our long-term cooperation with Anheuser-Busch InBev."

Closure compounds produced by ACTEGA for AB InBev have set international industry benchmarks. They are not only PVC-free but fulfill the highest requirements for retaining the taste of the beverage. They are, for example, specifically designed to protect filling goods from ingress of oxygen even under difficult transportation conditions. At the same time, they improve the retention of carbon dioxide inside the bottle and thus extend the beer's shelf life.

About ACTEGA

ACTEGA develops and produces coatings and sealants, printing inks and adhesives for flexible and rigid packaging and for the graphic arts industry. These products do not only lend an attractive appearance to materials such as paper, paper board, plastic and metal, but also provide clearly defined technical properties, e.g. chemical and physical resistance to the materials' surface.

The main customers for the products ACTEGA develops, manufactures and markets are in the packaging industry. ACTEGA is one of the market leaders in overprint varnishes and is the technological leader in the rapidly expanding sector of water-based sealants for flexible packaging. ACTEGA products do not only ensure that the packaging will look appealing, but also help that the contents will remain fresh for a longer time.

ACTEGA is already one of the world's leading vendors of sealants for closures and glass containers; ACTEGA is also the technological leader when it comes to water-based sealants for cans. These products are used to make seals between the contact surfaces, such as glass on metal (bottle closures) or metal on metal (can lids). They ensure that the contents and other substances such as CO₂ remain inside the packaging while "locking out" all contaminants.

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About ALTANA:

ALTANA is a global leader in true specialty chemicals. The Group offers innovative, environmentally compatible solutions for coating manufacturers, paint and plastics processors, the printing and packaging industries, the cosmetics sector and the electrical and electronics industry. The product range includes additives, special coatings and adhesives, effect pigments, sealants and compounds, impregnating resins and varnishes, and testing and measuring instruments. ALTANA's four divisions, BYK Additives & Instruments, ECKART Effect Pigments, ELANTAS Electrical Insulation, and ACTEGA Coatings & Sealants, all occupy a leading position in their target markets with respect to quality, product solution expertise, innovation and service.

Headquartered in Wesel/Germany, the ALTANA Group has 49 production facilities and more than 50 service and research laboratories worldwide. Throughout the Group more than 6,000 people work to ensure the worldwide success of ALTANA. In 2014, ALTANA achieved sales of about 2 billion euros. About 6 percent of sales are invested in research and development every year. Its high earning power and high growth rate make ALTANA one of the most innovative, fastest growing, and profitable chemical companies in the world.

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