

Press release

CyPlus Idesa's sodium cyanide plant successfully certified according to the International Cyanide Management Code (ICMC)

CyPlus Idesa S.A.P.I. de C.V.'s cyanide plant successfully passed the production protocol pre-audit in accordance with the International Cyanide Management Code for the Manufacture, Transport and Use of Cyanide in the Production of Gold (ICMC). Passing the audit is proof that CyPlus Idesa will meet the comprehensive, stringent requirements of the ICMC for cyanide producers.

CyPlus Idesa S.A.P.I de C.V. will start up its sodium cyanide plant in Coatzacoalcos in August 2016. The plant will be equipped with Evonik's state-of-the-art technologies and has a production capacity of 40,000 metric tons. The new sodium cyanide plant will support the mining industry by providing reliable supplies. Evonik Mexico as established partner of the Mexican mining industry will exclusively sell the production output.

Companies' information

CyPlus is a globally established company in cyanides. The Evonik subsidiary provides innovative products, technologies and services to customers in the mining, chemical, pharmaceutical, and surface treatment industries. The company meets the extensive and strict requirements of the international mining industry as a supplier of cyanides in accordance with the provisions of the "International Cyanide Management Code" (ICMC). Production sites in Europe as well as sales and distribution offices on all continents provide customers swift and reliable service. CyPlus regards itself as a pacesetter of progress and sustainability.

CyPlus Idesa S.A.P.I de C.V., Mexico, is a 50:50 joint venture of Grupo Idesa, Mexico and Evonik, Germany, duly incorporated in June 2013.

About Grupo Idesa

Grupo Idesa, is one of the largest Petrochemical groups in Mexico, for 60 years Grupo Idesa has produced and distributed different goods and services that conform products which are part of our daily lives. Grupo Idesa is integrated by four business segments —Petrochemicals, Distribution, Logistics and Construction Systems— with national presence and international reach. The company employs around 1,500 people. In addition to CyPlus Idesa, the company is also part of another important JV, "Braskem Idesa". In 2010, Grupo Idesa and the Brazilian petrochemical Braskem started Braskem Idesa, in order to construct the "Ethylene XXI" project and signed with Pemex an important ethane supply agreement. The project represents a milestone in the Petrochemical Industry. Grupo Idesa was founded in 1956 and has its headquarters in Mexico City.

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