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Millennium Conferences International is pleased to host the 6th World FIBC Congress 2010. The event will deliver its most impressive and in-depth programme to date, ensuring delegates an invaluable learning opportunity and an ideal platform for discussion, debate and networking. Having established itself as the only international congress in the FIBC market, the organisers are committed to delivering an event of the highest calibre, not only in-depth and informative, but also stimulating and enjoyable. The congress is an excellent marketing platform and will be complemented by a table-top exhibition, providing a unique opportunity to meet FIBC and component manufacturers and suppliers of FIBC equipment.

Thursday, 16th September 2010

09.00 - 10.00 Registration and coffee & tea
10.00 - 10.10 Opening MCI Media Ltd

SESSION 1 - The market

The FIBC industry is facing many issues - such as differences in FIBC testing, struggling to survive in a competitive market, the economic downturn, the environment and rising prices of polypropylene - in this session we take a look at the latest topics under discussion.

10.10 - 10.40 The global economic downturn has seen FIBC prices tumble. India has been at the forefront of producing quality FIBCs but can they continue to take centre stage in these challenging times?
Vikram Pandya, Vice President, Indian FIBCA, and Managing Director, Shankar Packaging, India

10.40 - 11.10 With the issue of global warming forever increasing it is very important that members of the FIBC fraternity realise they are the most substantial users of non bio-degradable thermoplastics. In order to optimise the use of natural resources multiple usage cycles of polymers is vital. The presentation will focus on the issues that need to be addressed by the entire "user chain" to achieve 100% recyclability of FIBCs.
Makrand Appalwar, Managing Director, Emmbi Polyarns Limited, India

11.10 - 11.40 The presentation will take an overview of the current polypropylene market and PP extrusion.
Azzedine Kioul, PP Technical Marketing - Polymers SBU, SABIC Europe, the Netherlands

11.40 - 12.00 Q&A Session

12.00 - 12.30 **Round table:** How important are FIBCs in the logistic chain and is the market being restricted by European legislation? How will the price of polypropylene continue to dominate the price of an FIBC?

12.30-14.00 Lunch

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SESSION 2 - Electrostatic hazard

FIBC users are still confused about static-conductive and static dissipative FIBCs, generally referred to as Type-C and Type-D categories, and the related electrostatic properties. Suggestions to include information on conductive fabric on the FIBC label have been proposed to resolve the problem and confusion. By sourcing FIBCs from low cost countries, with their own interpretation of International Standards, are we putting safety at risk by selling the wrong type of FIBC?

14.00 - 14.30 Dissipative materials are being used more and more often in FIBC, not only for fabrics itself but also for liners, document pockets and sometimes for labels. The presentation will explain how to avoid electrostatic hazards which could lead to explosions as well as give producers some construction hints which are not always clearly described in existing literature.

Jean-Michel Dien, Expert Process Safety, Swiss Institute for the Promotion of Safety & Security, Switzerland

14.30 - 15.00 Antistatic FIBCs: sense or non-sense? There is still a lot of confusion about the need to apply antistatic FIBCs because of explosion hazard. The presentation explains the potential hazards which might arise during filling/emptying, the kind of discharges which may arise, the dangers and, as a consequence, which type of FIBC needs to be applied when there is a gas or dust explosion hazard. ATEX requirements will also be discussed.
Ake Harmanny, Consulting Scientist, ISMA, Belgium

15.00 - 15.15 **Round table:** How important is the labelling of FIBCs. What can we do to educate the users more? What is being done about educating users and how to avoid accidents in the work place? Are guidelines, such as ATEX requirements, a solution?

15.15 - 15.45 Afternoon coffee/tea

SESSION 3 - FIBC components & testing

Are FIBC users aware of the consequences of UV degradation and incorrect testing of FIBC fabric and components? The FIBC market has an outstanding safety record - will failure of the components affect safety and should it be the FIBC manufacturer that educates the user? In this session we are looking at FIBC components, how they are tested and new developments coming on to the market.

15.45 - 16.15 Can accelerated weathering tests provide the necessary information to guarantee the service life of FIBCs? The improved durability of raw materials and yarns results in outdoor weathering

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tests with very long durations. The time to market new products is predominated by the time required to obtain the results of the weathering test(s). Therefore the need of accelerated weathering tests is obvious.

Cees van Teylingen, Manager Client Education, Atlas Material Testing Technology, the Netherlands

16.15 – 16.45 The presentation will examine all the factors that need to be considered when testing Flexible Intermediate Bulk Containers. FIBC users and manufacturers need to be aware of the latest testing methods and standards.

Maxence Wittebolle, General Manager, Belgium Packaging Institute, Belgium

16.45 – 17.00 Q&A Session
17.00 End of day one

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09.30 – 09.35 Chairman’s remarks

SESSION 4 - New technology & machinery

Competition in the FIBC market continues to be fierce - some FIBC manufacturers have discovered that, with the right machinery, savings can be made in the manufacturing process.

09.35 – 10.00 Fabric edge reinforcement is very important for many textile applications. It can be performed using either direct or combined ultrasonic cutting, depending on fabric type and customer requirements. So how can this technology increase FIBC resistance and life expectancy?

Orland Guedes, R&D Engineer, Decoup, France

10.00 – 10.25 If there is a bottle-neck in the filling & emptying process of FIBCs it would be the machinery. But for each processing line there is a suitable machine. We will be looking at the latest and applied technology for the filling and emptying of FIBCs.

Johan Broekmans, Sales Engineer, Delaere Weighing Systems, Belgium

10.25 – 10.50 Permanent antistatic additives for polyolefins provide excellent static dissipation without affecting the mechanical properties of the original base resin system. They can also be used in a hidden layer of a multi-layer structure and have been tested for weathering and UV resistance.

Shanila Hussain, Sales & Marketing Account Manager, DuPont, UK

10.50 – 11.10 Morning coffee/tea

11.10 – 11.35 The presentation will discuss electro-static hazards associated with FIBCs and the development of technology designed to mitigate these hazards including CROHMIQ now regarded as the world’s leading static protective FIBC fabrics.

Paul Holdstock, Technical Services Director, Texene LLC, UK

11.35 – 12.00 Not all of the factors of weathering can be recreated in an accelerated chamber - there are a number of other variables that may cause incorrect results. The paper will discuss the inherent problems that accelerated testing can have, and show techniques that can be used to ensure that the results from the accelerated testing are correct.

Jeffrey Quill, Director of Technical Applications, Q-Lab Europe, UK

12.00 – 12.15 Q&A Session

12.15 – 13.30 Lunch

SESSION 5 - Safety & the Environment

The increased use of FIBCs in different industries and the benefits of using them both for storage and transportation have been reflected in the continued rise in sales. FIBCs play a major role in transporting bulk materials safely in unit loads, ranging from low-value products through to high-grade chemicals. However, in some cases, FIBCs are being used for hazardous materials that are not safe to be used with woven fabric and accidents are waiting to happen.

13.30 – 13.55 The presentation will look at the factors to be considered with regards to the safety aspects concerning the European load securing obligations in transport applicable for deliveries of empty (new) and filled FIBCs.

Maxence Wittebolle, General Manager, Belgium Packaging Institute, Belgium

13.55 – 14.20 The presentation will examine the reconditioning of FIBCs highlighting the benefits which include minimising risk to the environment and saving on disposal costs.

Max Mulder, Director, Worldbag, the Netherlands

14.20 – 14.45 FIBCs are made of polypropylene and can be recycled. What kind of impact has this on FIBC users when we look at their legal obligations of re-using and/or recycling of FIBCs by referring to the numerous Packaging and Waste Directives? On the other hand how can we address this issue with the users?

Sylvain Lhote, EU and Sustainability Affairs, Borealis and Committee Member Recycling, Association of Plastics Manufacturers in Europe, Belgium

14.45 – 15.00 Q&A Session

15.00 – 15.15 Afternoon coffee/tea

SESSION 6 - FIBC user round table

15.15 - 16.00 This session will address some of the issues that have been voiced by FIBC users. We would like to open the floor to discuss these and invite participants to take part in a ‘brain storming session’ commenting on questions posed by users and currently affecting the FIBC industry. The questions could range from labelling to a new proposed quality control certificate and from stitching issues to the safe handling of FIBCs.

16.00 End of conference

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Venue, travel & accommodation

The event will take place at the Movenpick Hotel, Amsterdam, Netherlands. Delegates, speakers and exhibitors are responsible for the arrangement and payment of their own travel & accommodation. Upon registration you will receive further information on hotel and transportation.

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All presentations will be given in English - for those requiring translation please contact Claire Palmer to discuss your requirements - claire@mcimedia.com

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