

## Hexis installs incinerator

Hexis S.A., manufacturer of self-adhesive vinyl with headquarters in France, supports efforts aiming at a sustainable development and long term protection of the environment and in 2006 the company invested \$ 520,000 in the installation of a high temperature incinerator.

The incinerator operates as a thermal oxidizer at temperatures between 1500°F and 1800°F and completely eliminates waste rejections of VOC, mostly solvents, used in the production process. They are burnt at a level of 99.6% and only water steam and small quantities of carbon dioxide are released in the atmosphere. Both are non-toxic and odorless. At the same time the generated heat is used to stabilize the temperature in the factory building which results in a better, more homogeneous product quality.

The operation of the incinerator allows the company to be in compliance with the latest environmental regulations and to improve on most statutory tolerances. Thus the actual rejections of VOC are as low as 8mg/Nm<sup>3</sup> (milligrams per cubic meter under normal i.e. atmospheric conditions) whereas the legal limit is 50mg/Nm<sup>3</sup>.

Hexis manufactures a wide range of graphic vinyl and digital printing media used for sign making and vehicle markings. The company owns 2 manufacturing sites and exports over 40% of its turnover in over 40 countries, while enjoying sales of \$ 37 million in 2006.

Hexis has a subsidiary in Corona, California, USA with affiliate Hexis companies in Italy, the Netherlands and the UK. The group has 135 employees.

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