

RSA-TALKE adds warehouses for harmless petrochemical products to its dangerous goods storage capacities in Dubai

- **10,000 square metres for polymer logistics at Dubai World Central**
- **In line with RSA-TALKE's strategy of offering integrated logistics solutions to the chemical and petrochemical industries in the Gulf region**
- **Dubai an increasingly important hub for international chemicals logistics**

Dubai (UAE), November 2014. The joint venture for chemicals logistics RSA-TALKE now operates a 10,000 square metre warehouse for harmless petrochemical products in Dubai. It is located on the same premises as the company's dangerous goods warehouse, which opened in the beginning of 2014 at the Aerotropolis at Dubai World Central (DWC). In addition, RSA-TALKE will soon start construction works on another major project: an integrated dangerous goods ISO tank terminal including container cleaning, maintenance and testing facilities and DG drumming services in Jebel Ali, the world's largest free zone.

The recently opened second warehouse complex at Dubai World Central mainly stores plastics. With the new build of the harmless goods warehouse, RSA-TALKE – a joint venture of Dubai-based RSA Logistics and the German TALKE Group – serves demand by customers from the chemical and petrochemical industries in the Gulf region. Early in 2014, RSA-TALKE had opened a dangerous goods warehouse in the same spot.

"The strong demand from the up-and-coming chemical industry in the Gulf region has confirmed our strategy of expanding our portfolio of specialised logistics services," as Richard Heath, Director Middle East & Asia at TALKE and director at RSA-TALKE, explains. "We expect the dynamic growth of the chemicals manufacturing sector in Dubai and the region to carry on and will continue to expand our service offer," says Abhishek Ajay Shah, managing partner at RSA and director at RSA-TALKE.

The planned new build of a large container terminal for dangerous goods in the Jebel Ali free zone (JAFZA) rounds off RSA-TALKE's concept. The warehouse will be specially designed for handling liquid chemicals in ISO tank containers and will have a capacity of 18,000 TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units). In addition to storage, the integrated logistics services for liquid chemicals offered on site will include filling and re-filling of dangerous goods as well as the maintenance, repair and cleaning of tank containers. The terminal complies with the strictest safety standards and will be suitable for dangerous goods of classes 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9.

"With the RSA-TALKE tank container terminal we will strengthen the position of our cluster of joint ventures and own sites in the Middle East even further," says Richard Heath. "By expanding our service portfolio, we can provide the professional logistic services to support chemicals manufacturers in the Gulf

region with the continuing expansion of their own product portfolio by liquid chemicals."

The United Arab Emirates and the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council GCC are regarded as key markets for the chemical industry, with Dubai – and in particular the Dubai World Central free zone – as an increasingly important logistics centre. The Emirate of Dubai is seen as a significant hub the exportation of plastics from the region to Africa, India and the Far East.

To the editors:

RSA-TALKE is a joint venture between RSA Logistics and TALKE. The company was founded in 2013 and offers state-of-the-art storage capacity for harmless and dangerous petrochemical products at the logistics hotspot Dubai. Apart from storage capacity in Dubai, the company also offers access to the joint venture partners' structures and resources, providing customers with a broad range of efficient specialised logistics services for the chemical and petrochemical industries.

RSA Logistics was established in 2007 and now has a major presence in the UAE and Kenya. RSA offers services in Contract Logistics, freight forwarding, distribution and supply chain management. Headquartered in Dubai, RSA have developed business verticals, in Chemicals, Automotive, Oil & Gas and Projects.

RSA was the first company to start operations in Dubai World Central in 2009, which has allowed the company establish itself as a pioneer and a service provider that specializes in tailored solutions to a diverse range of Multinational customers.

With positive growth shown in the chemical vertical, RSA are committed to providing high quality facilities with flexible technology, to further enhance the customer experience. RSA continue to aggressively expand its services through the Middle East & East Africa.

RSA's facilities are ISO certified, rated as 5 star facilities by the DMCC and SQAS assessed.

TALKE Group, founded in 1947, is among the world's leading logistics service providers to the chemical and petrochemical industry in Europe, the Gulf States, India and China. The company's core competencies include the transportation, storage and added-value services for hazardous substances of almost all classes as well as for harmless dry and liquid chemicals and polymer granules. Moreover, the logistics specialist offers tailor-made contract logistics solutions, state-of-the-art outsourcing concepts and planning and project management services for the construction of logistics facilities.

TALKE Group employs around 2,400 employees at 47 sites in Europe, the Middle East, India and China. Over 2,300 tankers, silo trucks and containers and an extensive range of special equipment to suit individual customer needs for both road and intermodal transports are at the Group's disposal in order for it to provide its reliable transport and logistics solutions.

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