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Linatex releases new unvulcanised rubber for hot bonding

Linatex has released Linatex VS – a new unvulcanised natural rubber that will provide the differentiated wear performance that customers have come to expect from Linatex Premium Rubber but with the benefit of being suitable for hot bonding. 'Linatex Premium Rubber has, for many decades, been associated with producing natural rubbers that focus on delivering the lowest cost of ownership for our customers', Says Tony Siric, Global Rubber Sheet Product Manager for Linatex. 'Our rubbers are specifically designed to combat the harshest and most abrasive slurry environments and our extensive experience in this field has contributed to the development of Linatex VS.'

The launch of this new natural rubber product by Linatex is supported by field trials confirming its performance. In trials conducted in South America at the Los Pelambres Copper Mine, Linatex VS was placed in high wear piping from a cyclone cluster. Compared to the product previously used, Linatex VS provided four times longer life for the client.

Linatex VS has also proven its worth in South Africa, with trials of moulded mining pump parts providing seven times the wear life performance when compared to the proprietary rubber compound.

'Until now those using the hot bonding process have had to settle for a product that did not have the long lasting advantages of cured natural rubbers, such as Linatex Premium Rubber', says Siric. 'Linatex VS is a product of 18 months of development and trials that we believe will now deliver these outstanding results.'

According to the Company, Linatex VS will provide end users with unmatched abrasion resistance in fine slurry applications, allowing maximum yield and ensuring overall maintenance provides the lowest cost of ownership in the application, for the client.

Linatex China Break into Tailings Dewatering Market

An Iron Ore mine, Shandong JinXin is set to become among one of the first global clients of Linatex to introduce the celebrated Linatex Tailings Dewatering System. After initial trial success in China with Anshan Engineering, Linatex is confident of the reliability of the unique dewatering approach.

Standing the test of time, Linatex Banana Screens last over 25 years:

In a transient world of instant gratification and replaceability, Linatex stands by its motto of 'lowest cost of ownership'. Under 'normal' conditions, most banana screens last approximately five years. And, in a remarkable story from Africa, Kleinkopje Colliery, have survived in excess of 10 years. Incredibly, at New Vaal colliery on the secondary circuit there are two more banana

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About Linatex:

Established in Malaysia in the 1920's, Linatex revolutionized the concept of industrial wear designs and solutions using Rubber. Since then, Linatex has grown into a truly global organization offering an extensive range of complimentary products and services. These include process equipment, material handling products, a range of mining hose, a line of moulded and fabricated products and technical expertise, designed to be versatile in meeting customers' needs. Linatex has sites in every continent and a distribution network unparalleled in the industry. Products can be delivered anywhere in the world and the Linatex network work's with your team on special projects to gain access to international markets.

Rubber sheet and lining: Supply and installation of rubber sheet and rubber linings giving phenomenal resilience, exceptional tear resistance, all round toughness and the unique cross linking of molecular structure. Linatex Rubber's unique properties have been proven for over 80 years. Linatex Rubber has been shown to outlast Steel, Manganese Steel, and even Ni Hard Iron, resulting in significant cost benefits to the user. The uses of Linatex Rubber are almost unlimited ranging from a complete range of anti-abrasion linings for material handling industries, to custom fabrications and moulded components.

Process Equipment*: Linatex pumps, valves, cyclones, screens, classifiers and other process equipment make extensive use of Linatex Rubber to provide superior operational efficiency and wear life in severely abrasive applications. The technical interchange between members of the Linatex Global Network ensures a product that has been designed, tested, and proven in world markets.

<u>Mining Hoses</u>: Supply of specialty hoses for a range of applications, including materials handling (slurry), food and beverage, water, palm oil, petroleum, irrigation and chemical, incorporating a variety of end types into our specialty hose including, beaded (swivel), fixed, threaded nipples, victaulic ends and rubber-lined couplings. An extensive range of rubber types bore sizes, lengths, pressure ranges and end coupling configurations can be designed into the hose.

Moulded and fabricated products: A diverse range of Moulded and Fabricated Components tailored to a growing number of industries and taking advantage of the global supply chain. Linatex provide on-site advice, installation supervision and after sales service throughout the working life of the entire product range. From valve sleeve liners and moulded pump parts, through to an enormous range of screen media (manufactured and supplied by our fully owned subsidiary, Durex Products Inc.) the range can be customised to exact specifications. Tailored to the application they are fully supported with dedicated sales and service support, speedy delivery, and a solid return on investment. One-on-one consultations sales and applications engineers help develop innovative designs that exceed the performance of conventionally engineered products

Screen Media*: Our screen media range of products (manufactured and supplied by our fully owned subsidiary, Durex Products Inc.) can be customised to exact specifications. Tailored to the application they are fully supported with dedicated sales and service support, speedy delivery, and a solid return on investment. One-on-one consultations sales and applications engineers help develop innovative designs that exceed the performance of conventionally engineered products.

Technical Expertise: Access to rubber technology and engineering expertise with the back up and know how of comprehensive design and testing services. On-site advice, installation supervision and after sales service throughout the working life of all the product ranges.

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