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Press Release

Open House Event in Wytheville – Coperion presents new facilities and capabilities

Wytheville, July 2017 – On June 20, an Open House Event took place at Coperion in Wytheville, VA, USA, to give customers an overview of the completed Wytheville Plant Expansion Project and the added new capabilities of the extruder assembly area, gear box shop, factory acceptance tests and warehousing. The participants received information on screw element technology as well as on the latest technical developments and trends in process technology. In addition to the lectures, the customers took a guided plant tour to discover the capabilities on site.

Growth of the Wytheville facility in careful strategic steps over the past years

In November 2015 Coperion finished the realignment of all North American operations. The Coperion facility in Wytheville has gone through building expansions and has increased space to accommodate additional functions. The Wytheville plant has added an extra 52,000 sq.ft. in order to accommodate the new manufacturing, assembly functions, and logistics department with warehouse The facilities in Wytheville are used for manufacturing purposes including machine and gearbox refurbishing, machine assembly, factory acceptance tests and shipping.

At the Open House Event in June 2017, Coperion gave an overview of the completed expansion project and the new capabilities that the facilities offer. Furthermore, Coperion experts have held presentations about screw element technology and an update on the latest technical developments in twin screw extruder process technology. The participants also got some practical insides in the manufacturing of Coperion extruder components in Wytheville. Highlight of the day was a plant tour including screw manufacturing. Since October 2012 the Wytheville facility manufactures extruder screw elements for the world market for sizes 18-98



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mm and some special larger sizes. Visitors could see the manufacturing of screw elements and kneading blocks, welded and specialized elements as well as the customized designs including screw shaft hardware. For the assembly and refurbishing operations, customers saw the Wytheville plant areas for extruder assembly, gear box rebuilding, barrel and part refurbishing, screw shaft final machining and side feeder completion.

"This Open House Event was a good opportunity to show our customers the new capabilities and opportunities of our Wytheville facilities. I am convinced that all steps we have taken within the last years to grow this facility will allow us to serve our customer future extruder and service needs" said Robert DiMarino, General Manager and Vice President Operations at Coperion Corporation, Wytheville.

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Coperion Wytheville with extended capabilities of the extruder assembly area, gear box shop, factory acceptance tests and warehousing.

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The Open House Event at Coperion Wytheville combined expert lectures with practical demonstrations.

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A highlight of the Open House Event was a guided plant tour. Image: Coperion Corporation Wytheville, VA, USA



The plant tour at Coperion Wytheville included screw elements manufacturing as well as extruder assembly.

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