Clextral expands operations to accompany successful growth of 20% in 2010

The world leader in twin screw extrusion showed a 20% increase in orders for 2010. To sustain this growth, Clextral has expanded its staff by 38 employees and will establish operations in Brazil and Vietnam in 2011. To reinforce this aggressive plan, Clextral has instituted a mentoring program that matches senior employees with new hires who benefit from their knowledge and experience.

Clextral and its subsidiaries recorded orders of 50.6 million euros in 2010, again reaching their goal of exceeding 50 million euros. This growth translates into a turnover of 49 million euros of which 83% was generated abroad, up 8% compared to 2009. The operating profit rose nearly 8%. These performances are mainly linked with the global market for food extrusion that is particularly promising in Latin America and Asia.

For the turnkey solutions offer, a breakfast cereal line was commissioned in Central Europe that can produce up to 23 different products from local raw materials.

Orders continue in cellulose activity particularly for security paper production projects. Clextral has reinforced its position as world leader on this historic innovation which presents very significant benefits for the environment.

The company continues to innovate to reduce the environmental impact of its business and operational practices. The patented generic process of extrusion-porosification has produced significant interest from new customers who are testing this energy-efficient technology at Clextral’s research center in Australia. The ISO 14001 certification for environmental management was also renewed for the 5th consecutive year. This strategic intent is fully consistent with the policy of Legris Industries Group, which launched a comprehensive project on sustainable development in 2010.

The technical support team Service + will further increase customer responsiveness. The company also upgraded its production facilities in France and Denmark to boost productivity and quality.

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