

Globally active adhesives manufacturer Jowat also hit by shortage of raw materials

Detmold, 08 March 2021 – Outages in Europe and in the USA as well as much limited freight capacities on sea and on land have a negative impact on the availability of raw materials essential to adhesive manufacturing.

The adhesives manufacturer from Detmold is facing a disruption to the supply of key raw materials and adhesive intermediates caused by outages at several European and US American chemical manufacturers.

Availability of raw materials essential to adhesive manufacturing had already been limited prior to the outages. The situation has been further exacerbated by the recent severe winter weather in the US South which has led to the loss of a large part of refinery and chemical production capacities in the USA. This has also impacted the supply chains of Jowat's international locations.

According to the US American Adhesive and Sealant Council (ASC), supply chains in and from the USA will take weeks or even months to recover.

In addition, the situation is made even more challenging by currently long transport times and limited availability of freight capacities on sea and on land. In the global raw material market, this also has a significant impact on the current supply situation in Europe and Asia.

Klaus Kullmann, Managing Director at Jowat SE: "We regret the current shortage situation and are doing our utmost to remain a reliable supplier and partner for our customers. Our global orientation helps us operate in a flexible manner and reduce the negative consequences of supply bottlenecks as far as possible. In this unprecedented situation, however, supply disruptions can hardly be avoided."

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Introducing Jowat

Jowat SE with headquarters in Detmold is one of the world's leading suppliers of industrial adhesives. These are mainly used in woodworking and furniture manufacture, in the paper and packaging industry, for graphic arts, in the textile, automotive as well as in the electrical industry. The company was founded in 1919 and has manufacturing sites in Germany in Detmold and Elsteraue, plus four other producing subsidiaries, Jowat Corporation in the USA, Jowat Swiss AG, Jowat Manufacturing in Malaysia, and the Jowat Universal Adhesives Australia Pty. Ltd. in Australia. The supplier of all adhesive groups is manufacturing over 90,000 tonnes of adhesives per year, with more than 1,200 employees. A global sales structure with 23 subsidiaries plus solution partners is guaranteeing local service with close customer contact.

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