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Swiss toll compounder expands further

Development centre upgrade with new Continuous Kneader line

The independent Swiss toll compounder Polycompound AG continues to grow. Expansion now includes an development production facility upgrade and further machine park investments.

Polycompound AG (CH-4450 Sissach, www.polycompound.ch) continues to invest in production despite the strong Swiss franc. The company has completely upgraded its development centre with individually encapsulated facilities for trials and small-scale production. The two existing Continuous Kneaders are now located in separate rooms, and an additional Continuous Kneader with a longer processing length has been installed.

This substantial investment opens up new and more extensive possibilities for Polycompound and its customers. Demanding and highly complex products can now be processed in a single step. The three lines for trials and small-scale production are operated simultaneously, always excluding any risk of cross-contamination, and absolute compliance with secrecy obligations is guaranteed. Polycompound CEO Thomas Manetsch: "This investment pays off well for us, and we have also been able to significantly improve plant cleanliness and flexibility again in order to be prepared for the future".

Better for humans and the environment

Peter Imhof, Polycompound AG Head of Sales, also welcomes the upgrade to development facilities: "Apart from the extended advantages with regard to processing design, flexibility and process reliability, this upgrade has also improved work safety and environmental compatibility. That is indispensable when handling nanoparticles, for example", added Peter Imhof, who is a member of various expert groups in this area and points out that Polycompound meets this challenge far better than many other market players.

Dependable scale-up from a few kilograms to hundreds of tonnes

The new Continuous Kneader with a processing length of 20 L/D ideally complements the existing ones at Polycompound. This Swiss compounding firm is now the only provider on the market to cover the entire production capacity range – from small-scale at a few kilograms to hundreds of tonnes – and offer dependable scale-up from one machine size to the next. "That is very hard to find on today's market", says a Swiss compounding expert, "and makes Polycompound the ideal partner for development assignments and contract production jobs". Polycompound development production capacity alone is now up to 400 tonnes per year.

About Polycompound

Polycompound AG in Sissach, Switzerland, produces customized special-purpose and standard compounds for an international clientele. Its use of Continuous Kneaders makes it a sought-after supplier for the shear and temperature sensitive production of high-loading, thermally and electrically conductive compounds. The company has no product portfolio of its own, but exclusively processes compounds for customers according to their strictly secret formulations. With seven Continuous Kneaders, annual production capacity is 8'000-12'000 tonnes p.a. Founded in 1988, the firm now has some 60 employees.

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