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Newsletter for all GSB International Members

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1. General Meeting 2013 in Vienna, Austria



The GSB annual general meeting will be held in Vienna, Austria, from May 02nd – 04th, 2013.

After more than 36-years honorary work of Mr. Hans-Jürgen Alfort in our organization he will resign from his function and will be hand over the duties to his successor.

Furthermore, various changes of the Quality Regulations, the Fee Structures and the Statutes will be submitted to the members for voting.

In addition to the formalities you can expect an interesting program of lectures on current topics such as Europe ecology and technology.

- „No recovery in sight for the European markets aluminum and construction?“
Dr. Andreas Postler, GDA e. V., Düsseldorf, Germany
- „Sustainable Construction - A challenge for coaters and material manufacturers“
Dipl.-Ing. Johannes Kreißig, PE International AG, Leinfelden-Echterdingen, Germany
- „Nanoregulation – Champagne or seltzer?“
Dr. Dietmar Eichstädt, Chief Executive, Verband der deutschen Lack- und Druckfarbenindustrie e.V., Frankfurt am Main, Germany
- “Crisis in the euro area and measures against“
Mag. Franz Nauschnigg, Head European Affairs and International Financial Organizations Division, Austrian National Bank, Vienna, Austria

We also offer you an attractive visiting program and the possibility to visit the opera, the theater or a concert.

You can find the detailed program attached as a .pdf-document.

2. GSB Information Meeting Southeast Europe on February 24th, 2013 in Thessaloniki, Greece

From February 21st – 24th, 2013 the Infacoma in Thessaloniki took place. The Infacoma is an international trade fair for building, insulation, windows and door frames, sanitary ware, construction preparation and technology.

On February 24th, 2013 a GSB information event took place at the fair. About 50 participants have been informed about the GSB

This event was organized by the marketing agency "profile group", who is also the publisher of an aluminum journal.

3. GSB Training Courses 2013

The next training course takes place on

June 19th, 2013, in Frankfurt on the Main, Germany.

The focus of the training course has the following contents:

- Chromium-free pretreatment
- Conversion of chromium (VI) to chromium-free
- Practical experience bath care

Of course we will keep send you the corresponding invitation near-term.

Another training course will take place in the period

November 04th – 06th, 2013

Of course we will keep you informed about the venue and the exact times.

4. Membership Development

We are pleased to welcome the following companies as new candidates for GSB admittance:

Römer Oberflächentechnik
D-89415 Lauingen (coater)

Polilakk KFT
H-3533 Miskolc (coater)

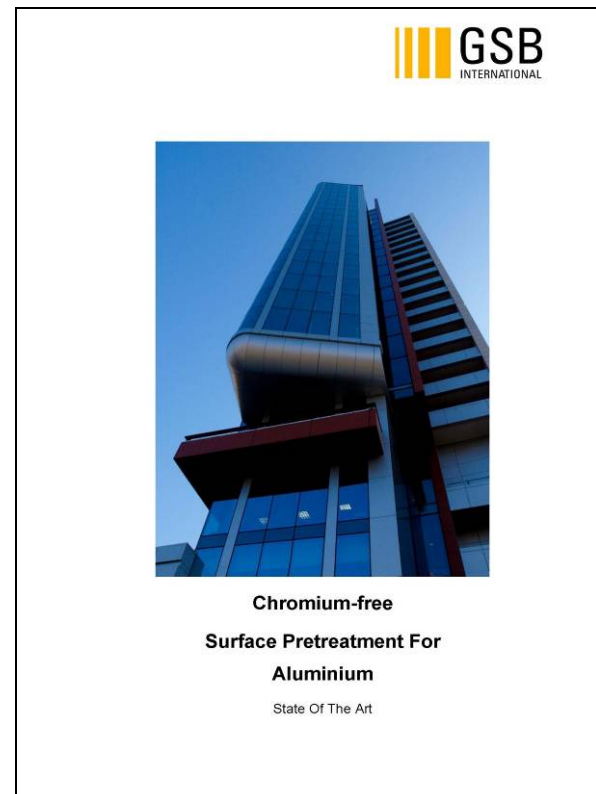
Schwarz Pulver & Lack GmbH & Co. KG
94424 Arnstorf (IQC)

MAVOM B.V.
NL-2404 CD Alphen aan den Rijn (pretreatment manufacturer chromium-free)

5. Chromium-free Surface Pretreatment For Aluminium – State Of The Art

At the end of 2011 the GSB International published a brochure covering this topic.

This brochure is now available in **English** and has already been circulated to all English speaking members.



The current documentation describes the development and status of existing technology in the area of surface pretreatment processes relevant to the coating of aluminium piecework in the construction sector. It also provides an insight into other markets and processes, such as coil coating, which is subject to similar legislation.

This brochure can be obtained in both German and English versions from the head office at a cost of 13.00 € inclusive of VAT.

6. IQC-Industrial Quality Coating

The GSB quality labels for aluminium and steel represent the highest standards of quality assurance in the construction industry and are well established throughout Europe.

However, the areas of industrial coating and mechanical construction fall short in providing a quality standard and regulation framework that is recognised in Europe. As a result these particular markets have to draw from often irrelevant standards and regulations designed for other sectors, which rarely meet their specific requirements and demands.

The GSB aims to set standards for these areas and at the request of its members established a separate work group to work on specific, stand alone quality labels and regulations.



Industrial Quality Coating International (IQC) is an autonomous Quality Association operating within the GSB International e.V.

The Quality Regulations IQC 654 applies to the industrial powder coating of piecework made from steel and galvanised steel as well as aluminium and its alloys. Coatings for external architectural purposes are exempt, which designates a clear line of separation from the existing high quality standards applicable to aluminium and steel facades (GSB AL 631 und GSB ST 663). Liquid lacquers are set to be integrated as a next step.

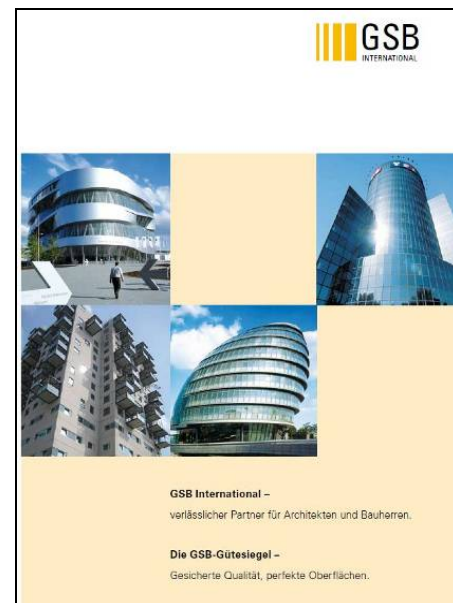
The new Quality Regulations maintain the established parameters in terms of pretreatment and coating processes as well as in-house and external controls, which have been specifically adjusted to the requirements of the mechanical sector.

The new quality label IQC International enables facilitates the expansion into new markets and can be used by GSB members alongside the existing GSB quality labels.

The Quality Regulations were presented at the last bi-annual general meeting and are available on request.

7. GSB-Image Brochure: PR opportunities for

members



The GSB image brochure (available in German and English) was launched on the occasion of the ALUMINIUM 2010 exhibition in Essen, Germany, as reported in the GSB News 03/10. A copy was posted to all GSB members. A further 10 copies can be requested free of charge and additional copies are available at a nominal charge of 2.50 € each inclusive of VAT. The outside back cover features a space designed for members to customise the brochure for PR purposes with their own company stamp / logo.

8. Banner advertising and reference photos on the GSB-Website

Depending on space availability, all members have the opportunity of advertising on the GSB homepage. All we need is your logo in JPEG-format.

This is charged at a cost of 150.00 € for 3 months.

9. GSB-Dates

May 01st, 2013

Board Meeting in Düsseldorf or Frankfurt, Germany

May 02nd – 04th, 2013

Annual General Meeting in Vienna, Austria

June 18th / 19th, 2013

Meeting of the Technical Commission Aluminium in Schwäbisch Gmünd, Germany

10. Events

May 14th, 2013

Alu-Congress in Zürich, Suisse

June 25th – 27th, 2013

Aluminium-21 / Coatings in St. Petersburg,
Russia

September 24th – 27th, 2013

ESTAL Congress in Krakow, Poland

11. Material- and Membership list

The list of licensed materials is attached to this edition of the GSB-News.

The above list supersedes the information published in the GSB-News 04/2012, which is no longer valid.

The membership list is attached to this edition of the GSB-News. At the same time we would like to point out that the current lists can be downloaded soon again via our website www.gsb-international.de. Please be informed that we are currently creating a new website, so it could be possible that not all information is still available.

To ensure that you have the most up to date information, we recommend visiting our internet site regularly!

It is the responsibility of the coater and the material manufacturer to inform itself and its customers concerning amendments.