

Ahlstrom-Munksjö joins SEAM, a sustainability initiative for the abrasive industry

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Ahlstrom-Munksjö has joined the Sustainable European Abrasive Manufacturers (SEAM) program, a new initiative to improve sustainability of the abrasive industry.

SEAM was launched on January 21, 2020 by the Federation of European Producers of Abrasives (FEPA), which represents over 80% of the abrasive product producers in Europe.

The objective of the program is to support and assist abrasive manufacturers in their efforts to achieve sustainable growth and improvements in sustainability, primarily in production and distribution. The program wants to have all players in the supply chain contributing to the European sustainability system.

To be admitted into the program, the European plants of Ahlstrom-Munksjö had to meet a series of minimum requirements organized into the three fundamental pillars of sustainability: environment, labor and economy.

“By joining the SEAM program, we are confirming our support to coated and bonded abrasives manufacturers that wish to commit to a more sustainable future,” says Nikita Mulard, Vice President of Ahlstrom-Munksjö’s Abrasive business.

As part of the program, Ahlstrom-Munksjö can use the SEAM label. The company will also adopt or refine existing targets within the three pillars, such as energy management, employee safety and business continuity and work on improving performance, reporting annually on progress.

Ahlstrom-Munksjö has already contributed to making the abrasive products value chain more sustainable. All abrasive backings produced by Ahlstrom-Munksjö have been formaldehyde-free since 2015 and a range of innovative fiber-based products have been launched to provide more sustainable alternatives to traditional abrasive backings.

Learn more about Ahlstrom-Munksjö’s commitment to more sustainable abrasives : <https://bit.ly/2NMo0GO>

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Ahlstrom-Munksjö in brief

Ahlstrom-Munksjö is a global leader in fiber-based materials, supplying innovative and sustainable solutions to its customers. Our mission is to expand the role of fiber-based solutions for sustainable everyday life. Our offering include filter materials, release liners, food and beverage processing materials, decor papers, abrasive and tape backings, electrotechnical paper, glass fiber materials, medical fiber materials and solutions for diagnostics as well as a range of specialty papers for industrial and consumer end-uses. Our annual net sales is about EUR 3 billion and we employ some 8,000 people. The Ahlstrom-Munksjö share is listed on the Nasdaq Helsinki and Stockholm. Read more at www.ahlstrom-munksjo.com

About SEAM:

The Sustainable European Abrasive Manufacturers (SEAM) commit to continually improve their environmental, labor and production processes.

The SEAM program guarantees that SEAM members, all from within the abrasive supply value chain, manufacture, process, supply, distribute abrasives according to the sustainability standards with regards to environmental efficiency (waste, energy, resource), health and safety quality and innovative production processes.

About FEPA:

FEPA, the Federation of European Producers of Abrasives, is an association representing over 80% of the European producers of abrasive products, including SMEs and international companies, as well as the abrasives National Associations and their members. FEPA members cover 90% of abrasives European production, exporting 35% of it in the world.

FEPA’s main mission is to represent the European abrasive industry by promoting abrasives manufactured in Europe, informing members on the evolution of the regulatory framework worldwide, supporting producers with a range of technical, legal and scientific services, and anticipating future challenges in the abrasives sector.

Abrasives are essential components weaved into numerous industries such as construction, automobile, aeronautics, environment, optical activities, glass, electronics, and the DIY market.

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