



Davco Invests in the Future with new Wetherill Park Plant

Davco's new plant consolidates the company's manufacturing activities on one site having previously operated plants at both Wetherill Park and Granville NSW.

According to Tim Holfert, Davco's managing director, the increased capacity at the new Wetherill Park site will enable the company to meet strong growth for the company's expanding product range.

"We are experiencing considerable demand for Davco products both in Australia and the South East Asia region. Our increased capacity through the new manufacturing facility will allow us to meet forecast demand.

This demand is being fuelled by our strategy of refinement of existing products and the development of a range of new products. Our export drive is delivering considerable dividends and we are expecting strong sales growth for the South East Asia region".

New products launched by Davco, in addition to refinements to existing products during 2003, include Sanitized Porcelain Grout, SMP 2010 and many others. The company has an extensive technical support program to assist commercial and DIY product users.

"In addition to giving us greater capacity for the launch of new products, the Wetherill Park plant will enable us to maintain our status as an environmentally conscious manufacturer. By replacing our aging powders line and refining the manufacturing process in general we will have tighter environmental and quality controls.

We will have a lot less wastage and there are state of the art dust extractors to control emissions. A gravity feed production line will mean a much lower use of electricity.

With a strong domestic renovation market and opportunities for sales growth in the commercial segment the new plant is a well timed initiative."



A totally computerised operation is in place using a pro-batch system. The plant was designed by Davco Australia in conjunction with Milling Process Services, the prime contractor. Plant fabrication and installation was undertaken using Australian expertise.

The Davco plant is vertically integrated comprising 10 silos, 2 high speed mixers and 2 robotic palletisers. Manufacturing capacity is now in excess of 60,000 tonnes of powder based adhesives and mortar products.

Construction of the plant was carried out in three separate stages over two years to avoid disruption to product distribution to customers.

Final commissioning of the plant will be early 2005.

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