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Head of PU Europe Visits ce|de|pa: Highlight on Opportunities for Polyurethane Industries

Earlier this year, Mr. Oliver Loebel, the Managing Director of PU Europe, came to explore the unique panel development center ce|de|pa realized by Dow and SAIP, jointly operating, which has already seen hundreds of visitors since its inauguration in 2011.

PU Europe is the pan-European trade association representing the polyurethane insulation industry, consisting of foam producers, raw material suppliers and component manufacturers from eleven EU Member States (more about PU Europe at: www.pu-europe.eu).

In a one-day visit, Mr. Loebel was introduced to the experience of ce|de|pa as the state-of-the-art and industrial-scale development center for continuous panels.

Besides noticing ce|de|pa training and testing capabilities, he had the chance to see how ce|de|pa line works, how many manufacturing possibilities are available currently in ce|de|pa and are being studied by customers, either for insulated metal panels or insulation boards.

Being asked for some comments Oliver Loebel answered as follows:

How would you describe your impression about ce|de|pa?

Oliver Loebel: "Apart from a very warm welcome, ce|de|pa impressed me by its state-



(Left to right: **Javier Carnicer**, Dow Technical Sales & Development Director and cedepa Board Member; **Luigi Procopio**, SAIP Sales Director; **Oliver Loebel**, Managing Director of PU Europe Association; **Alberto Mercati**, Dow Marketing Leader Energy Efficiency in EMEA)

of-the-art production line, the technical expertise of its staff members and the flexibility of services offered to customers.”

How do you believe **ce|de|pa** could be useful to panel producers?

Oliver Loebel: “There are numerous opportunities for the PU insulation industry thanks to stricter building efficiency requirements across Europe. On the other hand, our products have to evolve in order to respond to a changing regulatory environment and more demanding customer needs. The challenges ahead include the implementation of the revised sandwich panel standard EN14509-2013, stricter fire regulations, health concerns, renewable or recycled content in PU foams and end-of-life solutions for panels. Facilities such as ce|de|pa enable panel manufacturers to test potential new products and access expert advice without having to interrupt their own production. The advantages for manufacturers are obvious.”

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