

SOLIDS 2011

Antwerp

Wednesday, 6 & Thursday, 7 April 2011

easyFairs® SOLIDS in Antwerp is Belgium's only solids trade show, offering a complete range of solutions for the powders, granules and solids production and processing industries. Geared specifically to professionals seeking straightforward information about the latest products and services for bulk solids handling, the show offers the trade visitor direct contact with the supplier – making it easier to take buying decisions.

Antwerp is also easy for international exhibitors to reach, so **easyFairs® SOLIDS 2011** offers a perfect point of contact and a business platform in a high-calibre market environment, in the great tradition of the trade fair as marketplace.

VISITOR PROFILE

easyFairs® SOLIDS 2011 specifically meets the needs of professionals concerned with bulk solids storage, processing and transport. Trade visitors are typically operational decision-makers from industrial enterprises active in the following sectors:

Chemical and petroleum processing • Pharmaceutical • Soap & cosmetics • Dairy, food & beverages • Animal feed • Agriculture & grains • Fertilisers • Plastics & rubber • Glass & ceramics • Minerals & aggregates • Quarrying • Coal, biomass & biofuels • Construction & building materials • Paper & pulp • Waste & recycling • Consulting engineering firms

Typical job functions include:

Production, works, manufacturing and technical engineers/managers/directors • Maintenance engineers/managers • Engineering managers • Plant managers • Operational & technical services managers • Chief/head engineers • Electrical, mechanical, electronics, & services engineers/managers • Site services

Visitors will attend to acquaint themselves with the latest technical developments in the area of powders, granules and solids processing, storage and transport, as well as innovations to improve plant productivity and efficiency.

VISITOR PROMOTION

easyFairs aggressively promotes its events to visitors through a variety of direct marketing channels, and in partnership with key trade associations and the industry press – not just the solids press but also in the relevant vertical industry titles. The event is exclusively aimed at professional and trade visitors, and includes an attractive programme of free **learnShops™** (independent seminars on new industrial technologies).

2009 VISITOR STATISTICS

The 2009 edition of **easyFairs® SOLIDS** in Antwerp drew over 1,600 trade professionals from Belgian (73%) and Dutch (23%) processing and engineering industries. These were hands-on decision makers and influencers: 25% engineers and technicians, 17% directors, 16% sales and marketing. And nearly a quarter (21%) of all visitors represented the very largest industrial enterprises with over 500 employees (44% from small companies; 35% had between 50 and 499 workers).

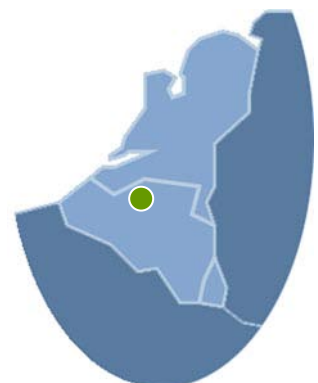
EXHIBITOR PROFILE

Exhibitors at **easyFairs® SOLIDS 2011** will promote solutions that fall mainly under the following categories:

- Granulation, sieving & milling: breakers, milling machines, gravimetric and volumetric dosing, agitators, dispersion apparatus, agglomerators
- Conveyor systems: conveyor belts & parts, scrapers, screw conveyors, vibrators, pneumatic & vacuum conveying, chain conveyors, elevators, vibration & drum motors
- Process instrumentation & control: humidity, level, pressure, flow & temperature instrumentation; actuators, size & particle counters, sampling & analysis equipment
- Filtration & separation: screens, fine screens, screening machines, magnetic separators, cyclones, centrifuges, filters, metal detectors
- Dust control: dust meters, dust extraction, filters
- Industrial noise control
- Weighing & inspection: weighing cells, scales, continuous weighers, reject sorting scales
- Filling & packaging: dosing & filling machinery, bag fillers, bag emptiers, lifting & tilting equipment, big bags, containers & vessels, IBCs & FIBCs
- Bulk storage & transport: silos, tanks, bulk hoppers, silo cleaning equipment, loading systems & machinery, bulk transportation & logistics
- Explosion & fire protection/prevention, health & safety: bursting discs, explosion shutters, machine protection systems
- Services: expertise, onsite testing, laboratory testing, consultancy, publications & associations

REGIONAL INFORMATION

In the North of Belgium, Business Region Antwerp benefits from its strategic location within Belgium and from its proximity to the Netherlands, Germany, France and the United Kingdom. Over half of the population of Europe – approx. 180 million people – live within a 500 km radius of the city.



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Antwerp (pop. 455,000 in the city, 800,000 in the conurbation) is Belgium's second largest city and capital of the province of Antwerp. It is also Belgium's foremost industrial centre and features strongly developed service and logistic sectors. Antwerp is also the diamond capital of the world, home to 1,500 diamond companies and four diamond exchanges. The diamond sector accounts for about 8% of all Belgian exports. More than 40% of the world's industrial diamonds, 85% of rough diamonds and 50% of the world's cut diamonds are traded there.

INDUSTRY FOCUS

With more than 114,617 active companies (2006), Business Region Antwerp has the country's highest concentration of industrial establishments and is its most productive region. Major exports include manufactured products such as machinery and textiles, while major imports include grain and unrefined metals.

In 2007 the **Port of Antwerp** processed a total maritime cargo turnover of 181 million tonnes, making it the second largest harbour in Europe (after Rotterdam). Its location 80 km inland allows ships anchored at Antwerp's docks to be connected directly by rail, waterway and road to the rest of Europe, ensuring cost-effective goods transfer. At port, many of the transport goods are housed in some 5.3 million m² of storage space, then repacked and dispatched by logistics service providers. Specialised storage facilities handle a wide range of cargo: silos for cement, coffee, grain, plastics and wine; warehouses for chemicals, cocoa, forest products, sugar, tea, and tobacco; and tanks for fats, fruit juices, oils, and petroleum.

Each year, Antwerp's **value-add logistics centres** handle 81 million tonnes (48%) of container freight, 38.5 million tonnes (23%) of bulk liquids, 27 million tonnes (16%) of dry bulk solids, and 20.5 million tonnes (13%) of general cargo; some also carry out "postponed manufacturing" activities, including assembly, customising, kitting, nationalisation, packing, strapping and testing.

(Petro)Chemical: Belgium represents only 2.7% of the EU population and 3.2% of the EU GDP; still, its chemical industry produces more than 8% of total European turnover in this sector and accounts for nearly 17% of European exports of chemical products. Half of the world's top 20 chemical companies have offices in Antwerp; is the world's second largest cluster after Houston.

Automotive and subcontracting: Belgium is a world leader in terms of car production with over 90% going to export and accounting for 12% of Belgium's total GDP. Within the Business Region Antwerp, around 70 companies are active in the production and assembly of cars, trailers and coaches.

Sources include: www.eupedia.com/, www.investinantwerp.be, www.investinlanders.com, www.bcglocations.com

THE VENUE: (VENUE NAME)

Antwerp expo is the city's main event and conference venue, drawing some 1.2 million visitors annually.

Antwerp expo, Antwerp

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www.antwerpexpo.be

TRAVEL & TRANSPORT

AIR

Deurne Business Airport is only 7 km away from downtown Antwerp and offers daily flights from London airports Heathrow and Gatwick City. Take bus 16 to the Central Station, from there continue on with tram 2 or 6.

Brussels National Airport (Zaventem) is about 40 km from Antwerp and offers direct service to major European cities. The Antwerp Express coach provides hourly service; on request, it will stop at the Crown Plaza hotel, just 300 m from Antwerp expo.

www.brusselsairport.be

RAIL & PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The high-speed trains stop at Antwerp main station (Centraal Station). From there, take tram 2 toward Hoboken or tram 6 toward Olympiade; both stop in front of the venue.

ROAD

Although still in town, Antwerp expo is right off the motorway and easily accessible.

- From Brussels via E19: exit 5a "Antwerpen-Centrum", left at the traffic light, toward "Singel-Zuid". At the second light, turn left into the Jan van Rijswijcklaan.
- From Ghent via E17: exit 5 "Wilrijk/Berchem"; take two left turns into the Vogelzanglaan.
- From Breda, Hasselt or Turnhout: take the ring road toward Brussels, exit 5 "Wilrijk"; at the light you'll see a sign indicating Antwerp expo straight ahead.

For local driving instructions and park & ride areas, see: www.mexicocentres.be/upload/documents/accesAE.pdf

ACCOMMODATION & CITY DETAILS

www.trabel.com/antwerp.htm / www.hotelsforeasyfairs.be/

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