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Press release

SPIE sets up the new factory for a Japanese chemical expert

**Geleen, 20 May 2019** – SPIE, the independent European leader in multi-technical services in the areas of energy and communications, has assembled a state-of-the-art factory for Japanese chemical company Mitsui Chemicals. SPIE was able to appeal to all its multidisciplinary capabilities in one offering, so that the customer only had to deal with one partner: SPIE.



Mitsui Chemicals is a Japanese chemical company with sites in Japan, Europe, China, Southeast Asia and the USA. It is part of the Mitsui conglomerate, focusing primarily on trading high-grade materials, petrochemicals, basic chemicals and functional polymeric materials.

More stringent environmental regulations have recently led to an increasing global demand for lighter cars. As a result, Mitsui Chemicals Group's lightweight solutions can be used by automotive manufacturers around the globe. This starting point of Mitsui Chemicals match perfectly with important SPIE's principles: Green economy and sustainability. These materials can already be manufactured from the new factory in Geleen.

Shimizu Corporation's Project Director Toru Sasaki has managed the entire project for Mitsui Chemicals. "During the tender phase, we examined several subcontractors. SPIE made the decision easy for us because they truly are a one-stop shop with all the necessary in-house expertise. That's why we chose them. It makes it easier to go back and forth because you only have one contact person. SPIE is very well organised and multidisciplinary." This was Sasaki's second Western project site. "Dutch culture is more about 'let's go' instead of 'let's get it in writing'. Whereas we in Japan do more preparation and consultation down to the tiniest details, here it's more 'on the go'. We definitely needed to find our way around that."

## Multidisciplinary

This was a special work for SPIE. Setting up a complex factory within nine months and on a budget was challenging. Hub Herberighs, Project Manager for SPIE, is proud of this success: "We truly managed to put our One SPIE principle stamp on this project. We are, of course, a very big company with many disciplines and specialist areas. For this project, we joined forces and used everyone's expertise and know-how in the areas of, for example, connectivity and electricity, lighting and heating. SPIE mechanics and engineers were coming and going!"

In the future, SPIE will remain in charge of the maintenance of the factory. Toru Sasaki hopes to work with SPIE again in his next project. "I appreciate the work that SPIE is doing, but I also really appreciate the people who work there. I hope I can repeat this."

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