

Quattor Maritime Terminal marks investment in technology and efficiency

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Located in Guanabara Bay, north of Boqueirão island, Quattor's Maritime Terminal is the culmination of the company's US\$ 18 million investment in a modern system to increase productivity and ensure propene supplies to the Duque de Caxias (RJ) Polypropylene Unit.

"The terminal is an important differentiating factor for Quattor as the company seeks to make investments that effectively increase competitiveness", states Armando Bighetti, vice president of Quattor Polypropylene Unit.

The Maritime Terminal, located eight kilometers from the coast, has been operational since November 2008. Its operational platforms measures 12 x 24 meters and has pumping and safety installations, two berthing dolphins and two mooring dolphins, with walkways between the dolphins and the platform.

The ships unload propene at the base. The gas goes through an eight inch wide pipeline, underwater for 9.8 kilometers and over land for another 2.5 kilometers until it reaches Quattor.

The new terminal reduces the rate of propene loss and contamination which increases production. The company is no longer dependant on the wait time at other terminals. Quattor's Polypropylene Unit at Duque de Caxias occupies an area of 150 thousand square meters and has a production capability of 300 thousand tons of Polypropylene annually.

Adjustments in the pipeline will allow it to transport propane gas as well, which will be useful in fueling the company's Basic Chemicals Unit.

The project was conceived and implemented according to local environmental characteristics. The pipeline, for example, goes through a marsh in the region. All the marsh's crabs were removed to a nursery during construction. Once the pipeline installation was complete the crabs were returned to the marsh.

About Quattor

The Quattor petrochemical company (www.quattor.com.br) is a company that manufactures basic chemicals and plastics from polyethylene and polypropylene - 100% recyclable. The company is headquartered in Rio de Janeiro. Quattor is a domestic company founded in 2008 from an association between Unipar and Petrobras, each respectively holding 60% and 40% of the company's capital.

The company has ten production units and 13 production lines of basic and intermediary petrochemicals and resins, located in four sites in the states of Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo and Bahia, and is listed among the 20 largest companies in the country with annual earnings estimated at R\$ 9 billion. With around 1700 direct employees, it operates in the first and second generations of the petrochemical chain. Quattor produces 2.8 million tons of basic chemicals and 1.9 million tons of resins (polyethylene and polypropylene) annually.

The name Quattor was inspired on alchemy and reminisces of the four elements of nature: water, earth, fire and air. The combination of these four powers with the human element - employees, clients, community and partners - translates into a formula for success for the new generation of the petrochemical industry, in perfect synch with the environment.

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