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C.R. Laurence Reaches Settlement with U.S. DOJ & U.S. Customs in a False Claims Act Action

C.R. Laurence Co., crlaurence.com, reached a settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Customs & Border Protection in a False Claims Act action captioned as United States ex. rel. Valenti v. Tai Shan Golden Gain Aluminum Products, Ltd., et al., Civil Action No. 3:11CV368, pending in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. The Government's complaint in intervention in that litigation alleged that defendants, including C.R. Laurence, wrongfully evaded antidumping, countervailing, and other duties owed in connection with certain imports of aluminum extrusions, according to a C.R. Laurence release. C.R. Laurence maintains that it did not engage in any wrongdoing and is not liable.

Binswanger Glass Acquires GlassWorks LLC

Binswanger Enterprises LLC, doing business as Binswanger Glass, binswangerglass.com, announced the acquisition of GlassWorks LLC, glassworks.net, located in Glenview, Illinois and serving the Chicagoland market. GlassWorks will continue to operate under the GlassWorks name, as a division of Binswanger Glass, offering its complete line of Arcadia and GlassWorks products.

PPG to Close Burlington, Iowa, Plant

PPG Industries, ppg.com, announced plans to close its plant in Burlington, Iowa, on May 1, according to a March 7 Washington Times article. The 29 employees affected will be given an opportunity to transfer to PPG manufacturing plants in Carlisle, Pennsylvania; or Wichita Falls, Texas. The Burlington plant manufactures tempered flat glass and custom annealed glass.

Trulite to Close Hebron, Ohio, Plant

Trulite Glass and Aluminum Solutions, trulite.com, will close its Hebron, Ohio, plant this spring, according to a Jan. 26 article in Newark Advocate. The plant is one of 10 locations Trulite purchased from AGC Glass Company North America, us.agc.com, in late December 2014.

Sika Continues to Resist Saint-Gobain Takeover

Saint-Gobain, saint-gobain.com/en, suffered another setback in its bid to take control of Sika, sika.com, according to a Jan. 26 New York Times article. Sika announced it would restrict the voting rights of the Burkhard family to 5 percent of its shares under its articles of association. Public shareholders own 84 percent of Sika, but the Burkhard family controls its voting rights.

According to a Jan. 30 Sika release, shareholder opposition to the takeover "continues to mount. So far, investors who together hold over 40 percent of the share capital have expressly stated their support for the course adopted by the Board of Directors and Group Management."

As of Feb. 16, a group of Sika's former directors and employees founded a shareholder group called "Sika spirit" to prevent the company from being sold to Saint-Gobain, according to a swissinfo article.

AGC Announces Technology, Equipment Investments

AGC Glass Company North America, us.agc.com, launched Energy Select 31, a new high-performing coated glass product. The company also made equipment investments, adding a new high-speed tempering line at its Greenland manufacturing plant in Church Hill, Tennessee; and equipment to apply protective film on post-temperable coated glass at its Abingdon, Virginia, plant.

Graham Architectural Products to Acquire Stake in Continental Glass Systems

Graham Architectural Products, grahamwindows.com, entered into an agreement through an affiliate to acquire a stake in Continental Glass Systems LLC, www.cgsfl.com, of Hialeah, Florida. The company plans to acquire a significant equity and operating partner position in the business of CGS, it reports. The transaction is anticipated to close early in the first quarter of 2015.

Schott Rebuilding after Fire at Pennsylvania Plant

The Schott Glass plant in Duryea, Pennsylvania, us.schott.com, is beginning to come back online after a major fire, according to a report from the Times Leader in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. The fire broke out the evening of March 3, causing more than \$50 million in damage and temporarily closing down operations, according to the article.

Fenzi Group Acquires Polish Sealants Company Kadmar

Fenzi Group, fenzigroup.com, acquired Kadmar, kadmar.pl/en, a chemical company in Jaworzno, Poland, specializing in the production of polysulphide, polyurethane, hot-melt and butyl sealants for insulating glass. The Glass Alliance Network now includes a total of 10 manufacturing units globally, including two in Poland—Alupro Polska and Kadmar.

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