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## **SIKA OPENS MORTAR AND CONCRETE ADMIXTURE FACILITIES IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND ON REUNION ISLAND**

**Sika continues its dedicated and successful expansion strategy. The company has opened a new mortar manufacturing facility in Dubai and a concrete admixture plant on Réunion. With these openings, Sika reacts to the growing demand in the respective markets and strengthens its relationships with existing customers.**

Paul Schuler, Sika Regional Manager EMEA, emphasizes the importance of the new production facilities in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and on Réunion: „The new facilities are important milestones for Sika UAE and Sika Indian Ocean, allowing us to produce and supply our innovative, high-quality and environmentally-friendly products to satisfy the evolving requirements of our local clients. With the plant in UAE, we further accelerate the implementation of our global mortar strategy in the EMEA region. With 31% growth in 2014, mortar is Sika's strongest growing product area as well as one of the key elements of the Strategy 2018.“

Since 2008, the company has been producing its innovative range of concrete admixtures, additives and compounds in the UAE and provides customers in the region with building adhesives, high performance grouts and repair mortars. The new mortar manufacturing facility is located at Sika's local premises in Dubai Investment Park and complements the mortar production of the company's existing facilities in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia. Besides its local production plants, Sika UAE also has warehouse facilities in Dubai and Abu Dhabi for the storage of products manufactured by Sika companies worldwide in order to support the local markets on the Arabian Peninsula with a full range of solutions for their specific requirements.

On Réunion, Sika has been active for some 20 years through its subsidiary Sika France. The new production facility for concrete admixtures covers the needs of local construction companies and helps realize large-scale construction projects such as the new highway "Route de Littoral".

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### **SIKA CORPORATE PROFILE**

Sika is a specialty chemicals company with a leading position in the development and production of systems and products for bonding, sealing, damping, reinforcing and protecting in the building sector and the motor vehicle industry. Sika has subsidiaries in 90 countries around the world and manufactures in over 160 factories. Its approximately 17,000 employees generated annual sales of CHF 5.6 billion in 2014.