

Improving waste management - Public-Private Co-operation in Chile

Mid December 2007, the Polpaico Coactiva Plant of the Holcim group in TilTil, close to the Chilean Capital Santiago, received a very special group of visitors: High level representatives of the German Technical Cooperation Agency, GTZ, took advantage of their visit to the country in order to get to know in practice, what co-processing in cement industry stands for. GTZ Managing director, Dr Bernd Eisenblätter, and his colleagues Dr Christoph Beier and Rudolph Mutschler were impressed about the technological performance of the installation of the Polpaico – Coactiva plant, as well as about the concrete results of a German cooperation project with the Holcim group that started several years ago and whose contribution to solving environmental problems in Chile seems to be remarkable.

These results are twofold: Particular mention deserves the fact, that in the second phase of the strategic alliance with Holcim, Polpaico`s local competitors agreed to join the project: in March 2007, the Lafarge Group and the national company Cemento Bio Bio, covering the totally of the national cement production, signed a cooperation agreement with the aim, to work together in the introduction and dissemination of co-processing in their respective plants. In this context, the PPP called “Coprocem Chile” recently has launched its first “Guidelines on co-processing”, adapted to the Chilean reality. This document is base for a broad stakeholder dialogue, whose results should lead to the jointly elaboration of a legal framework for co-processing in the cement industry.

On the other hand, the visitors appreciated the close cooperation between this PPP and the bilateral cooperation project „Management of Hazardous Waste in Chile “ (denominated ResPel) by GTZ and the national environmental agency, CONAMA. One of the most relevant aspects of this project is the establishment of a public-private decision making committee including representatives of public services (ministry of health, supervision authority) as well as industrial associations of the disposal, chemistry, metal sectors.

The photo shows the visitors of the Polpaico plant located in TilTil

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