The Yearly Conference of NOF Metal Coatings Europe in Italy

The 14th yearly conference of NOF METAL COATINGS EUROPE, organized by SIE (Representative for Italy and Turkey), took place on October 16th, 2015 in Turin. After the traditional opening address made by Arturo Gazzola, Administrator of SIE, Jean-Marie Poulet, President and CEO of NOF METAL COATINGS EUROPE, launched the annual meeting, which attracted a pretty large audience, including the presence of FIAT Group, UPIVEB, fastener manufacturers, licensed applicators and various customers.

Sergio Pirovano, President of UPIVEB, emphasized the success of the event FASTENERS MEETALY 2015 held in Milano on September 14th. The first world conference specifically focused on fasteners, attracted more than 500 professionals from around the world related to the fastener industry. Mr Pirovano took also the opportunity to thank all the sponsors of this event, among which NOF METAL COATINGS GROUP, a long-term partner of UPIVEB.

NOF METAL COATINGS EUROPE presented its newly developed systems: GEOMET® 321 + GEOKOTE® SILVER 300 or 310, and GEOMET® 430 + GEOKOTE® BLACK 400 or 410. As well as providing excellent anticorrosion performance and superior chemical resistance, these new systems offer improved friction properties through the high-performing topcoat GEOKOTE®. The new systems will be put in the market very soon with the new VW TL 233 (Volkswagen) standard.

The GEOMET® 430 + GEOKOTE® BLACK 400 or 410 system is part of the GEOBLACK® range of systems, further improved and enhanced through the development of the black basecoat GEOMET® 430, which allows to apply only one layer of black topcoat at a later stage in order to offer a consistent black color, even after shocks. GEOMET® 430 is also currently under approval for the VW TL 180 specifications in combination with PLUS® VLh BLACK.

Speaking on behalf of NOF METAL COATINGS GROUP, NOF METAL COATINGS EUROPE confirmed the availability of PLUS® ML US in the European markets. The PLUS® ML US has been intensively tested by NOF METAL COATINGS GROUP and
Stazioni del topcoat GEOKOTE®. I nuovi sistemi verranno immessi presto sul mercato con la nuova norma VW TL 233 (Volkswagen).

Il sistema GEOMET® 430 + GEOKOTE® BLACK 400 o 410 fa parte della gamma di sistemi GEOBLACK®, ulteriormente perfezionata e migliorata grazie alla realizzazione del basecoat nero GEOMET® 430, che consente di applicare un solo strato di top coat nero, per offrire una colorazione nera che rimane omogenea anche dopo urti. GEOMET® 430 è attualmente in via di approvazione anche per le specifiche VW TL 180, in combinazione con PLUS® VLh BLACK.

Parlando a nome di NOF METAL COATINGS GROUP, NOF METAL COATINGS EUROPE ha confermato la disponibilità del PLUS® ML US sui mercati europei. Il PLUS® ML US è stato intensivamente sottoposto a test da parte di NOF METAL COATINGS GROUP e General Motors con l’aggiunta di ulteriori prove, quali il “chatter test” (stick-slip), avvitamento su madrevite in alluminio, svitamento a caldo, onde poter soddisfare i requisiti della norma GMW3359. GEOMET® 321 + PLUS® ML US è richiesto mondialmente da General Motors esclusivamente per nuovi sviluppi, mentre PLUS® ML EU è utilizzato da FIAT.

L’ultima parte del convegno ha trattato del sistema qualità di NOF METAL COATINGS GROUP e delle attività del gruppo di lavoro che si dedica al miglioramento dei processi. L’analisi dei dati acquisiti da campioni provenienti dalle linee di lavorazione industriali dei Licenziatari GEOMET® e testati da NOF METAL COATINGS EUROPE e dagli OEM, ha messo in luce gli eccellenti risultati qualitativi ottenuti.

La 14ª edizione del Convegno italiano è stata una proficua occasione per discutere i temi presentati con le aziende partner, FIAT compresa. NOF METAL COATINGS GROUP ha così potuto confermare una volta di più la propria collaborazione di lunga data con l’industria italiana.

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General Motors with additional requirements, such as chatter test (stick-slip), aluminum long engagement thread, and warm loosening, to meet the GMW3359 standard. GEOMET® 321 + PLUS® ML US is exclusively required by General Motors worldwide in case of new developments, while PLUS® ML EU is being offered to FIAT.

The last session of the conference focused on NOF METAL COATINGS GROUP quality system and the activities of its process improvement team. The analysis of the data acquired from ground samples collected on the industrial lines of the GEOMET® Licensees, and tested by NOF METAL COATINGS EUROPE as well as by OEMs, has successfully shown impressive quality results.

The 14th edition of the Italian Conference was a great opportunity to discuss the presented themes with the business partners, including FIAT. NOF METAL COATINGS GROUP confirmed once more on this occasion its longtime partnership with the Italian Industry.