

Rhodia at Oldbury



Overview

Rhodia's Oldbury site occupies approximately 60 acres of land close to Junction 2 of the M5 motorway near Birmingham. The site houses ten production plants and produces phosphorus-based intermediates which are used in the manufacture of a wide range of products including pharmaceuticals, paints, detergents, water treatment chemicals and flame retardants. Oldbury is part of the global Rhodia Novacare business.

Site history

1840	Arthur Albright, chemist, aged 29, discovers the properties of red amorphous phosphorus.	1993	New Chlorine Handling plant built.
1851	Phosphorus manufacturing begins at Oldbury.	1995	A&W floated on the London Stock Exchange.
1856	Arthur Albright forms partnership with John Wilson to form Albright & Wilson (A&W).	2000	Rhodia SA acquires A&W.
1978	Tenneco Inc. takes control of A&W.	2004	European Phosphates business acquired by Thermphos. Site shared by Rhodia and Thermphos.
1981	New Phosphine/THPX plant built.	2008	Moved into the metal extraction market with lonquest.
1987	New Poly Acid blending plant built.	2011	Opening of the new phosphate esters plant. Rhodia acquired by Belgium based chemicals company, Solvay.

Health, Safety and the Environment (HSE)

The health and safety of our employees and our neighbours, and respect for the environment is central to all we do.

The Oldbury site comes under the COMAH (Control of Major Accident Hazards) regulations which aim to prevent major chemical accidents and limit the consequences to people and the environment of any accidents that may occur. Audits covering all aspects of our health, safety and environment processes and overall performance also take place on a regular basis.

Responsible Care

Rhodia is a signatory to Responsible Care, the chemical industry's commitment to continual improvement in all aspects of health, safety and environmental (HSE) performance. It also requires published information to employees, customers and the public about site activities that affect HSE.



Oldbury is also part of the Chemical Industries Association's Chemsafe scheme, giving expert help in response to incidents in the Midlands area which may involve chemical transportation.

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