

Press Release

Evonik Cyro offers a Vodcast on Greenhouse Energy Savings

The video shows how greenhouse operators use ACRYLITE® DEGLAS acrylic sheet to save energy

Parsippany, NJ – June, 2009. A video on how ACRYLITE® DEGLAS acrylic double-skinned sheet can save energy in greenhouse construction is available at www.acrylite-and-energy.com. The 8-minute video includes a testimony by Dutch plant breeder Teun van der Eijk about his experiences with his 120,000-square-yard (100,000-square-meter) greenhouses made of ACRYLITE® DEGLAS acrylic double-skinned sheet.* A specialist illustrates how the efficient thermal insulation of the double-skin sheet works and how its high transparency promotes plant growth. A look around the globe reveals gardeners all over the world relying on ACRYLITE® DEGLAS acrylic sheet to save energy.

Rising energy prices are forcing more and more greenhouse operators to lower their heating costs. "Dutch gardeners, who have already done a lot of building with ACRYLITE® DEGLAS, are leading the way," says Stephen Costanzo, general manager of Evonik Cyro's Acrylic Sheet Business Line. Meanwhile, other countries such as the United States, Japan, and Norway are following suit. This is why ACRYLITE® DEGLAS has experienced a boom in greenhouse construction in recent years. The boom can be attributed to the high thermal insulation property of ACRYLITE® DEGLAS acrylic multi-skinned sheet, which allows greenhouse operators to save energy while reducing CO₂ emissions. "With our campaign, we intend to show that, thanks to ACRYLITE®

DEGLAS acrylic sheet, climate protection goes hand-in-hand with a reduction of utility costs—and I mean worldwide“, says Costanzo.

The first step in the worldwide environmental campaign, entitled “This is what climate protection looks like, “highlights saving energy through thermal insulation, as can be achieved by using ACRYLITE® DEGLAS acrylic sheet in greenhouses. Other applications, namely lighting, air-conditioning, and energy generation, will follow later in the year.

*ACRYLITE DEGLAS sheet is sold under the trade name PLEXIGLAS® on the European, Asian, Australian and African continents. Therefore you will hear Teun van der Eijk discussing his success with PLEXIGLAS®. This same product is sold as ACRYLITE® in North America.

Company Information

Evonik Cyro LLC is an Evonik Degussa Corporation group company. Headquartered in Parsippany, NJ, Evonik Cyro is a leading manufacturer of acrylic sheet and molding compounds, and bulk and performance monomers. CYRO manufactures and markets its acrylic sheet products under the ACRYLITE® trade name in the Americas. These same products are manufactured and marketed under the PLEXIGLAS® trade name on the European, Asian, African and Australian continents.

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