

## Grand Opening of Atotech's New Biotechnology Laboratory & Production Facility in Guangzhou, PRC

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On September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Atotech inaugurated its new laboratory and production facility for biotechnology in Guangzhou, PRC. The event was complemented by a symposium on Atotech's Advanced Green Technologies on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

As its counterparts in Europe and the Americas, the new laboratory and production facility for biotechnology in Guangzhou is specialized in manufacturing unique environmentally sound products, combining biotechnology and chemistry. These products are mainly used within paint support applications and pretreatments for electroplating application. At present the key application area is paint sludge treatment also known as paint detackification in automotive paint lines. The new facility includes biotechnological manufacturing equipment as well as an [applications lab](#). Atotech believes in sustainable green technologies, and this new set-up is simply the reflection of its belief and commitment to a greener production for China and the entire Far East region.

The opening event started in the afternoon with the official inauguration under the participation of Mr. Francois Cornélis, Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee / President of the Chemical Division of Total, Mr. Reinhard Schneider, President of Atotech and Atotech's global management team. Special guests attending the opening ceremony were Mr. Johan D'Halleweyn, General Consul of Belgium in Guangzhou, Mr. Alain Berder, Economic & Commercial

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Counsellor-Consulate of France in Guangzhou, Mr. Shen Liechu, President of the China Surface Treatment Engineering Association and Mr. Ma Jie, Vice President of the China Surface Engineering Association.

The opening ceremony started with a traditional Chinese lion dance, followed by the ribbon cutting and was concluded with a guided tour of all guests through the new facility. After the ceremony and the tour all guests were invited for a dinner banquet.

On the following day, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Atotech organized a symposium on Advanced Green Technologies. A guest speech was given by Mr. Ma Jie on the “impact and response to the new environmental protection regulations”. Other contributions included for example the “paint shop transitions to the new technology”, “recycling and waste reductions via auxiliary equipment”, “acceleration of green product development through Atotech’s network of TechCenters”, “sustainable plating on plastics technology” and “energy savings through advanced plating line designs”.

As part of its company philosophy, Atotech is committed to provide its customers with leading green technologies and the best local service. By investing [>10% of its proprietary chemical sales](#) into R&D, a strong focus is placed on the development of high quality and environmentally responsible finishes that fulfill the requirements of the automotive and other industries and its suppliers today and in the future.

### About Atotech

With annual sales of € 746 million, Atotech is one of the world's leading manufacturers of processes and equipment for the PCB industry and the decorative and functional electroplating industry. With the head office based in Berlin, Germany, Atotech employs about 3200 people in more than 35 countries.