

South African World-beaters

As reported in South Africa's influential "Engineering News", Robert Cowley, Sasol's project manager, described the project as one of the most complex Sasol has ever undertaken. Not only was the plant constructed on schedule, but was also completed under budget and to the high quality levels demanded in such a plant.

Chemical complex leads the way

It's official!

The acrylic acid and acrylates complex designed and built by Foster Wheeler for Sasol in South Africa has beaten the world construction norm for these plants by three months.

More than four million construction hours were worked on site by up to 3,000 people who dealt with 15,000 m³ of concrete, 470 equipment items, 2,000 tonnes of structural steel, 80 kms of piping, 400 kms of cable and 25 kms of steam tracing.

"Completing this project on-time, under budget and with an excellent safety record is something all of the Foster Wheeler team can be proud of," noted Jeff Pape, Foster Wheeler's project manager.

"It has been a truly international effort with our engineering team in Thailand, the procurement team in the South African home office and the construction team on site. We have proven that Foster Wheeler's skilled people can be brought together into a world-beating team wherever they are in the world."