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Date: 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014, Friday Time: 9.30 am to 1 pm Venue: Jotun Paints (M) Sdn Bhd, Lot 9143, PN 38500, Kawasan Perindustrian Nilai, 71800 Nilai, Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia

Members of the Polymer Committee and Task Force on Coatings Fingerprinting of Institute of Materials, Malaysia (IMM) visited Jotun Paint (M) Sdn Bhd located in Nilai, Negeri Sembilan on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014. One of the prime objectives of this plant visit is to expose the IMM members of the Polymer Committee and Task Force on Coatings Fingerprinting on the paint manufacturing process as well as the in-house quality control and quality assurance (QA & QC) processes for protective coatings.

Mr. Vincent YS Tan, General Manager of Jotun Paint Malaysia, welcomed all the guests during the plant visit. This was followed by a briefing from Mr. Low K Teong (Senior Factory Manager) and Mr. Jason Kok Boon Foo (Deputy Specification Manager, Protective Coatings) on Jotun plant operations and Jotun business activities.

Jotun (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd is a joint venture company between Malaysia and Norway which started operation since 1983. Its head office is located at Gimle, Sandefjord, Norway.

Odd Gleditsch Sr.is the founder of Jotun Paint in 1926 and now their presence are around the globe with 38 factories located on all continents. Jotun Nilai Factory started operation in 2010 and their first batch of production was on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2011. Jotun is the market leader in oil & gas, infrastructure, marine, energy and petrochemical industries.

Jotun Paint is classified in four segments which are; Decorative Paints, Marine Coatings, Protective Coatings and Powder Coatings. IMM members were briefed with an overview of the manufacturing plant, manufacturing processes, research & development for protective coatings; and lastly on QA & QC processes. The tour began with visit to their in-house laboratory where Jotun shared with the visiting members various matters related to QA and QC. Then, members were guided to the storage compartments of the raw materials and the intermediate materials of paints and later followed by a visit to their state-of-art mixing tanks of the intermediate materials of paints.

At the end of the plant visit, IMM Polymer Committee members and the staffs of Jotun (Malaysia) mutually agreed that Fourier-transform infrared (FTIR) structural analysis of epoxy paints on steel structures for **Coating Fingerprinting Certificate** is practical to be carried out at the in-house laboratory of the company. Besides, both parties are looking forward to strengthening the co-operation on Coatings Fingerprinting towards the implementation of **Coating Fingerprint Certificate** for protective coatings in near future.

IMM thanked Jotun (M) Sdn Bhd for hosting this plant visit.





Figure 1 Coatings Fingerprinting Task Force was briefed by Mr Vincent Tan on the company's profile and Jotun products.





Figure 2 Mr. Low K Teong briefed on Jotun products.



Figure 3 Front row from left to right: Mr. Low K Teong (Jotun), Ms. Rohana Jaafar (PETRONAS GTS), Ms. Zalilawati Hasan (MTE), Ms. Karen Cheng (MTE), Ms. Fatin Harun (UiTM), Dr. Tan Winie (UiTM), Pn. Nurul Asni (PETRONAS GTS), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Melissa Chan Chin Han (UiTM), Mr. Vincent YS Tan (Jotun), En. Farish Irfal Saaid (UiTM), Mr. Lim Chuan Gee (SIRIM).

Second row from left to right: Ir. Mohd Suradi Yasin (IMM), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chia Chin Hua (UKM), En. Muhammad Hawari Hassan (PETRONAS GTS), Mr. Kirk Keng Chuan (IMM), Dr. David V. Natarajan (UiTM), En. Abdul Aziz Haron (SIRIM), Ir. Max Ong Chung Hup (Norimax Sdn Bhd), En. Hafiz Hidzir (UiTM) (last)

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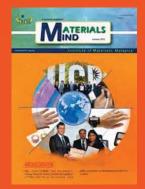
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