

Chemical Logistics Conference Held at Bangkok

The annual Chemical Logistics & SCM World Asia Conference was held in Bangkok from 15th to 18th May 2006. Vopak, being the silver sponsor of the event, hosted a networking golf session at Rayong Green Valley Country Club. Our Business Development Director, Chris Badenhorst, gave a speech on “Terminal Logistics Infrastructure for Growth” and our Deputy MD from Thai Tank Terminal (Vopak JV company), Paul Cox, also participated in a panel discussion on “Strategic Collaboration with Service Providers”.

Supply chain professionals from the main chemical companies attended the conference, including Sasol, BASF, Bayer, ExxonMobil, Reliance, Dow, Ciba, Rohm & Haas, Shell Chemicals, ChevronPhillips and Lubrizol. There were also attendees from other logistics service providers, port authorities and the US Coast Guard.

The conference comprised a series of speeches on topics that range from capitalizing on the growth in Asia (including overcoming infrastructure problems in China and India), revitalizing SHE initiatives, shipping in Asia, managing chemical logistics risks to best practices reviews.

The Vopak participants from across the region took the opportunity to make new contacts with other SCM & logistics decision-makers from the chemical industry in Asia. The networking dinner cruise held on the Chao Phraya River was successful, with new business relationships being developed in a casual, relaxing ambience. On the whole, this conference had been a fruitful event, giving a better insight into the market circumstances and a string of potential business leads.

