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Driven by innovation – Spring beauty 2000

New developments in all spheres of industry have cleared the tracks for success



Trade Fair light + building in Frankfurt

Elkamet Kunststofftechnik GmbH welcomes the early spring of the year 2000 with numerous new products. Spring also means: fair-time, and already the opening of *light + building* is beckoning on the horizon. Elkamet will present itself in Frankfurt in an attractive new outfit to represent our bright new developments. Apart from our lighting range, our company is stepping out with many new products in all the other spheres of industry. This has meant investment in plant and equipment, to ensure that our production maintains high levels of quality and efficiency.

Hall 5 A Stand C 39: Elkamet brings a strong presence to the *light + building* Fair in Frankfurt from 19 to 23 March

For the premiere of the „Biggest Lighting Show on Earth“ at the International Trade Fair for Lighting and Electrotechnology *light + building* Elkamet will be stepping out in a whole

new outfit. At our new Fair stand, designed by architects Seifert + Stöckmann, we will present our new game of lighting globes „in public“.

The highlight will be an innovative exhibit using reflective lighting globes (metallized inside) made of impact-resistant plastics. With this new application of metallizing plastic hollow shapes Elkamet is once again demonstrating its know how in the application of engineering plastics for outdoor lighting. Another of our core capabilities lies in the materials development. For instance, the special application of Factor 10 for UV protection is used to optimise plastics for exterior use.

Come experience Elkamet at *light + building*:

We look forward to your visit.

New products in our lighting business unit at a glance

- Lighting globes with reflective interiors, made by a new special application process, using vacuum metallizing technology. To be seen at the Elkamet stand.



Lighting globe with reflective interior

- Developing the systems for a new series of lamp shades for the company Hess Form + Licht, which can be seen at their stand.



Atlantis

- Atlantis, an alternative design to existing mushroom lamps in a clear, contemporary shape. The 60 cm tall Atlantis is the result of a joint development of several lighting fitting manufacturers, who will handle marketing on a regionally exclusive basis. To be seen at the Elkamet stand.

Two new installations for Lighting Production

We have invested in a „high-speed“ installation to increase capacity and optimise delivery times for special lighting globes with diameters of 450 and 500 millimetres. A new plant for vacuum aluminising lighting globes is also being installed.

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Richard Saint on BMW

Elkamet tanks chalk up victories in the Dakar - Cairo Desert rally

Thanks to the successes of KTM and BMW bike riders in the Dubai Rally (which we reported in volume 9 of our Newsletter) they were favourites for the legendary Dakar - Cairo Desert Rally. BMW took the first four stages with their F650 RR machine and the reigning champion Richard Saint.

Elisabete Jacinto on a KTM works bike 2000 based on the LC4-640 won the Ladies Section. Both the BMW and KTM machines were again equipped with four Elkamet tanks each specially made for the rally bikes.

Sincere congratulations to both teams and all other participants on their winning performance, demonstrated over 17 stages totalling 11 000 kilometres.

Success with new products in the container section

BMW launched their new F650 series to coincide with their rally victory, with a tank made by Elkamet. The company Touratech who specialises in motorbike accessory ordered a 43 litre tank for the Honda „Africa Twin“ bike, as well as a custom 41 litre fuel tank for the BMW R1100 GS.

A tank for the new Omnibus 0580 of the firm Evobus is going into series production, as is a 245 litre fuel tank and hydraulic oil tank for the new tractor of AGCO-FENDT, the model Favorit 716 Vario 2.

This means that all vehicles of AGCO-FENDT in the series 411, 716 and 916 are now equipped with Elkamet fuel and hydraulic oil tanks.



Günther Simon,
Sales Manager Business unit container

We welcome the company Case-Steyr as a new client. After the successful certification of our Quality system a 74 litre ancillary fuel tank for a tractor is now going into series production.

The Profiles Section is also showing positive developments

We are developing a front windscreen profiled gasket for the successor to the Peugeot 306 together with Sekurit France. The aluminium-reinforced section in a combination of hard and soft plastics encloses the windshield at the bottom and forms the seal for the edge of the bonnet water channel.

UNRUHE at Wilhelmshütte

In the Wilhelmshütte Plant, which houses the entire plastic tank production facility, a new admin. wing is being occupied (we reported on this in Volume 9 of the Newsletter). Now there is a reception area, discussion rooms as well the offices of the local management and production planning department. There is a series of paintings by the contemporary German artist Ludger Gerdes in the reception area entitled UNRUHE which means UNREST. The graphic representation of the concept gives a striking visualisation of the constant creative state of mind driving us at Elkamet.



Radio FFH invited Elkamet to breakfast

Walter Rieger's win in an Internet quiz held by the regional radio station FFH promoted the works council chairman to the position of „temporary maitre de plaisir“ of Elkamet.

As an award all Elkamet employees were invited to a surprise breakfast given by host Radio FFH in a tent on the factory grounds on 26 January. At the same time the morning programme was also broadcast, so that the enthusiasm at the successful event was sent out all over the Hessen airwaves.