

Catalyst handling company expands with tank cleaning division

Mourik LP

Mourik, a Dutch-based contractor, is known as a leader in the industry with a commitment to innovation and safety. The company has been in operation in the United States since June 2004 and has seen continuous growth every quarter since its inception. Mourik has executed a variety of catalyst handling projects including vacuuming, unloading and reloading of fixed catalyst beds, dense loading projects, tubular projects and mechanical work. Now Mourik is expanding its services to include tank cleaning.

“Mourik has provided worldwide tank cleaning services for more than 40 years,” said Albert Megens, general manager of Mourik. “In the United States, Mourik has performed catalyst handling and maintained steady growth. Therefore, we’ve invested in high-tech tank cleaning equipment and added a tank cleaning division to provide more services to our clients.”

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“Mourik has offered excellent catalyst handling services for many years,” Gilbreath said. “Customers were constantly asking if Mourik performed tank cleaning, chemical cleaning or any other type of industrial cleaning when we did these catalyst jobs in the Southern United States. This demand is what drove Mourik to look at a tank cleaning service line.”

Gilbreath said the new tank cleaning services have already generated much interest from not only Mourik’s existing customers but also new customers.

“One of the things we are going to offer by January is liquid-solid separation with centrifugation,” Gilbreath explained. “We are also going to incorporate the dual robotic systems the tank cleaning division in Europe has been offering. The robotic systems, which mount to the manway, eliminate man-hours in the tank and make the job much safer.”

Gilbreath has plenty of experience with the robotic systems having built approximately 14 of these robots in the past. “These systems have monitors built in to monitor lower explosion levels and vapor space readings, which

are important especially when you have to degas tanks in this day and age,” he said. “You can actually tell how well the degassing is going with these robotic systems.”

“It’s an exciting time here at Mourik,” Megens said. “The tank cleaning services will complement the ones we currently pro-

vide in the catalyst division. Mourik is one of the leading catalyst handling servicers in the world and we have a great safety record in the United States.”

Mourik already has experienced personnel who have performed tank cleaning but Gilbreath and Megens said the company will

also bring on additional staff. In the near future, Mourik plans to incorporate industrial cleaning services and high-pressure blasting along with water cutting capabilities.

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- Tubular reactors
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- Pumping liquids



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