

**Carbone Lorraine has won an anti-corrosion equipment contract worth €8 million**

Through its Astrocosmos subsidiary, Carbone Lorraine has landed an order worth €8 million to supply a reactor for a fine chemicals plant in Spain.

This chemical reactor, which is designed to process corrosive fluids, will be built in tantalum. This contract follows on from a similar order delivered in 2002, which fully satisfied the customer's expectations. The new reactor will be used in the manufacture of polycarbonate, a fast-expanding material that is now used instead of glass -in car headlights, for instance.

Astrocosmos, the world leader in anti-corrosion equipment made in noble metals (titanium, tantalum, zirconium) is the only manufacturer in the world that can supply new tantalum-based technology and has the requisite expertise to produce large equipment operating under pressure. The main benefit for customers is a reduction in their usage costs, which are significantly lower because maintenance is simpler than with earlier technologies.

The reactor will be manufactured at the Groupe Carbone Lorraine's state-of-the-art new plant in Oxnard (California) and will be delivered by the end of the year.

The award of this contract underlines the effectiveness of the Group's policy, which puts innovation at the heart of its customer strategy.

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