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Japanese Firm Acquires Licence for Swiss Refrigerating Machines

The Japanese firm of Daikin Kogyo Co. Ltd., at Osaka, a big Japanese firm in the air-conditioning and refrigerating sector, recently signed a licensing agreement with the Swiss firm of Sulzer Bros. Co. Ltd. (Winterthur, in Zurich) for the construction and sale of refrigerating machines. Under the terms of this agreement, the Japanese firm is authorised to manufacture Unitop* refrigerating groups and Uniturbo* centrifugal compressors for the central cooling of airconditioning plants as well as industrial processes. According to the licencing contract, the Daikin Kogyo Company is authorised to sell compact Unitop centrifugal units and industrial refrigerating plant equipped with Uniturbo compressors, not only in Japan but also in South-East Asia, the Near East, Australia and New Zealand. In Europe, licencing agreements for Unitop refrigerating groups have been signed between Sulzer and Klimat Co. Ltd. (Spain) as well as with the Italian firm of Ercole Marelli & C.S.p.A. In addition, the centrifugal groups built by McQuay Europa S.p.A. (Italy) are also equipped with Sulzer compressors within the framework of a co-operation contract.—(SODT)

Basle, World Centre for the Ecology of Dyestuffs

The Ecological and Toxicological Association of Industrial Dyestuffs Manufacturers (ETAD) was recently created in Zurich. This new institution, in whose foundation Swiss firms took a very active part and whose secretariat is located in Basle, groups the biggest dyestuffs producers in the world. Its purpose is to co-ordinate and stimulate the efforts of its members to reduce as far as possible any side-effects chemical dyestuffs might have on the environment and to offer maximum safety to users and consumers. Groups of experts have been set up to aid the general secretariat of ETAD in its work. In order to increase the effectiveness of analyses, attempts will be made to develop new methods and more refined instruments even though the devices available at present make it possible to detect chemical substances in the air or in waste waters at concentrations of as little as one part per billion (1 gramme per 1,000 tonnes).—(SODT)

Siw's Battista Zeppi Amit Peleg and M. Bitterfeld

The firm of R&B has been established by the Tunisian government to set up a steel factory in that country itself. In fact it does not exist at the moment, and will not do so until after the administrative measures against the Tunisian Government have been carried out. The firm will then start producing steel products with the help of foreign companies, and so far there has been no difficulty in finding such companies. It is anticipated that the new plant will be ready to begin production in the first half of next year. The firm will also be involved in the construction of a new port at Sousse, which is now under construction. The new port will be completed in time for the opening of the new railway line between Sousse and Tunis.

Dear Who Cares for the People of Darfur?

Almaz Darfur is a political party based in Darfur, Sudan. It was founded in 2003 by a group of former members of the Sudanese People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) who were dissatisfied with the leadership of the SPLM. The party's main focus is on the rights of the people of Darfur, particularly the Fur, Zaghawa, and Beja communities. The party's platform includes demands for an end to the conflict in Darfur, the establishment of a democratic government, and the protection of human rights. The party has been active in the Darfur region since its formation, and has won several local elections. The party's leader is Almaz Darfur, and its current chairman is Dr. Ali Abdalla. The party's slogan is "Darfur First".

Almaz Darfur is a member of the African Union and the United Nations.

President, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith