



## ICoNiChem Widnes Ltd

ICoNiChem Widnes Ltd is the new company name for Shepherd Widnes Ltd following its acquisition by GIL Investments in August 2016. GIL Investments is a UK-based private investment firm which acquires controlling stakes in businesses and aims to support their growth over the long term. ICoNiChem Widnes Ltd has retained all of its in house knowledge and continues to ensure the highest standards of operation to ensure safety and quality at all times.

ICoNiChem Widnes Ltd manufactures specialty Cobalt metal salts used in the manufacture of colour pigments, rubber adhesion promoters, paint driers and petrochemical catalysts. Our goal is to supply the marketplace with high quality metal compounds as standard or customized products. Our long standing success is built upon technical expertise, supplier reliability, and customer relationships.

The company employs 56 staff in the UK and global exports represent 95% of sales.

We continue to maintain our quality, environmental and feedstuffs certifications.

We are proud of our safety record which is driven by a goal of zero incidents. We routinely review these aspects of our business with our customers.

## Further Information

The information in this leaflet is important – please keep or display it in a safe place and ensure that everyone at your address is aware of the advice and information.

## Addition sources of advice and information

### **Halton Borough Council**

Risk and Emergency Planning Division  
Municipal Building Kingsway  
Widnes, Cheshire.  
WA8 7QF  
Phone: 0303 333 4300 (in office hours)  
Phone: 0303 000 4300 (out of hours)

### **Environment Agency**

North West Regional Office  
PO Box 12  
Richard Fairclough House  
Knutsford Road,  
Warrington, Cheshire.  
WA4 1HT  
Phone: 08708 506506 (Mon-Fri 8am -6pm)

## Additional leaflets

Additional copies of this leaflet and further information are available from

### **ICoNiChem Widnes Ltd**

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# Safety information for our Neighbours



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Shepherd Widnes Ltd has changed its name to ICoNiChem Widnes Ltd. The activities on site have not changed but some of the chemicals that we work with are included under the Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) regulations. Under the regulations we:

- prepare a SAFETY REPORT covering our operations, the major hazards that could arise and how these are minimised and controlled. This Report has been assessed by the Health and Safety Executive and the Environment Agency .
- prepare EMERGENCY PLANS in collaboration with Halton Borough Council and the local emergency services. The emergency plans include details of the immediate off-site response to a major incident on our site.
- provide essential SAFETY INFORMATION for our neighbours, including local residents and businesses.

**This leaflet and the accompanying Emergency Advice Card contain essential safety information and tell you what to do in the unlikely event of a major incident at ICoNiChem Widnes Ltd.**

## What should you do in an emergency?

A useful phrase to remember with any chemical incident is



Go In



Stay In



Tune In

EMERGENCY INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR SAFETY

**Warning of danger** – In the event of a major accident ICoNiChem will operate a siren that can be heard off site. The siren has a wailing sounder. A four minute warning on this siren will be sounded periodically until the all clear. Details of siren testing are on the Emergency Advice Card

**Go to a safe place** – Go indoors. Local schools, nurseries, homes for the elderly and vulnerable and other community facilities will be prepared for this situation. Do not leave your home or work to collect children or go outside.

**Make the place safer** – close all doors and windows as well as any other ventilation. Switch off gas appliances, do not light matches or start engines. Move away from windows that face the ICoNiChem Widnes Ltd site.

**Tune into local radio** - The details for local radio stations are given on the Emergency Advice Card.

**Further information** – do not call ICoNiChem, the emergency services or TV and radio stations, as these lines need to be kept free for emergency use.

**All clear** – the siren will sound every four minutes until the situation has been resolved.

**Our plans and partners** – ICoNiChem has plans in place for both on-site and off-site incidents. We work closely with the emergency services and other agencies to ensure that risks are minimised and controls are in place to deal with any incidents effectively and efficiently, with minimum impact on our neighbours and the environment. In the event of an incident, please cooperate with the emergency services and follow their instructions and advice.

### What hazardous material do we handle?

The business of ICoNiChem Widnes Ltd is the production of cobalt salts. Cobalt salts are classified as hazardous to the environment. Cobalt is an essential trace mineral for all animals and is used in animal feeds, it is also used in dyes, batteries, catalysts and alloys.

### How could these materials affect people and the environment?

As part of our emergency plans, we have to identify all the potential scenarios that could create a major incident. The representative scenarios identified in our full plans include:

- Failure of a chemical storage tank
- A fire involving products in warehouses or plant
- Incorrect handling of materials.

The largest potential risk on site is a large spill of chemicals which could damage the municipal water treatment works.

### What do we do to prevent incidents?

We are proud of our safety record which is driven by a goal of zero incidents. We invest a huge amount of time, effort and money managing our site safety to prevent incidents of the kind described above. The Health and Safety Executive, Environment Agency and our insurers assess all our procedures regularly and we are also audited by the British Standard Institute. Our processes and equipment incorporates the latest relevant technology, ICoNiChem Widnes Ltd employees are trained and experienced in the work they undertake, and our approved suppliers, contractors and hauliers meet the highest standards of training and safety awareness.