In the silica production plant of CWK (Chemiewerk Bad Köstritz, Germany) two paddle dryers from DVA are in operation. Silica gels resp. soles are used in the manufacturing of catalysts, paints and varnishes, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, as filler for plastics and in the beverage and paper industry.

**Design data of the paddle dryers**

- **Design temperature:** up to 160 °C resp. up to 220 °C
- **Design pressure:** Vacuum ... 5 bar resp. vacuum ... 20 bar

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**HSMR35 mechanical seal**
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Beyond this, the requirements of the explosion safety regulation resp. the directive 94/9/EG (ATEX/uni00A095) have to be considered in most cases. One more characteristic is the thermal expansion of the heated shaft which has to be compensated by the seal.

In this specific application also the high pressure of 20 bar is an additional challenge.

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Technical features of the HSMR35(H)(A)L-D at a glance:

- Cartridge unit with integrated bearing
- Bellows at the floating bearing side to compensate the heat expansion of the shaft
- Balanced seal at atmospheric side where the max. design pressure is 20 bar
- Precise drain-off of any leakage in order to fulfill the requirements of the TA-Luft air quality control directive.
- Surfaces which are in contact to the medium are designed fine finished, to avoid deposits
- High service life times due to stationary seal design and HD-grooves at product side
- Maximum security of the production plant due to ATEX Zone 0 conformity and monitoring of the supply medium temperature

Equipment with seal and supply system

Equipment: Horizontal paddle dryers with side entry between bearings
Manufacturer: DVA (Deutsche Vakuumapparate Holland-Merten GmbH) in Roßla, Germany
Seals incl. materials up to 5 bar operating pressure:
Fixed bearing side: HSMR35L-D/180-E13, Q2Q2K/M5GE (1.4301)-Q2BM1/M5GE (1.4122)
Floating bearing side: HSMR35AL-D/180-E6, Q2Q2K/M5GE (1.4301)-Q2BM1/M5GE (1.4122)
Seals incl. materials up to 20 bar operating pressure:
Fixed bearing side: HSMR35HL-D/190-E7, Q2Q2KAGE (1.4571/1.4301)-Q2BVGE (1.4122)
Floating bearing side: HSMR35HAL-D/190-E7, Q2Q2KAGE (1.4571/1.4301)-Q2BVGE (1.4122)
Supply system: TS 1016/A007 with cooling coil, circulation pump SPU 5000-00 and refill pump
Monitoring: Level switch (SPS 2000-00), contact pressure gauge, PT 100 thermo sensor to measure the temperature of the supply medium
Supply medium: Water-glycol mixture
Barrier pressure: 22 bar
Mode of operation: API 682 plan 53
ATEX: Ex-Zone 0 means II 1/2 GD cb 156 °C (T3), temperature class 3

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