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# BELZONA REPLACES PTFE LINING AND CUTS DOWNTIME

## **CUSTOMER**

Chemical Plant, Ferrara, Italy

#### **APPLICATION DATE**

April, 2015

#### **APPLICATION SITUATION**

Reactor operating between 70°C and 80°C at a Polyolefins petrochemical plant. Process fluids included salt, caustic and titanium tetrachloride.

#### **PROBLEM**

The original hot applied PTFE Lining required maintenance due to localised disbondment. The plant was facing a long downtime as it was not possible to conduct an in-situ repair of such a lining. The customer was looking for a solution that was faster and easier to apply.

### **PRODUCTS**

Belzona 1593

#### **SUBSTRATE**

Steel

#### **APPLICATION METHOD**

The application was carried out in accordance with Belzona Know-How System Leaflet TCC-5 for protecting and rebuilding steelwork. After grit blasting to SA 2.5, a two-coat system of Belzona 1593 was hand applied to an area of  $25 \text{ m}^2$ .

### **BELZONA FACTS**

Belzona was chosen to replace PTFE as it reduced downtime from weeks to days and was also much easier to apply. Any future mechanical damage will be repairable in-situ.

# **PICTURES**

- PTFE lining removed
- 2. Belzona lining applied
- 3. Coating thickness measured
- 4. Inspected after 6 months in service









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