



## **CONTI® PIPE**

High-Speed Closed-Trough Belt Conveyor  
Systems for especially tight curves  
and high productivity

# Pipe Belt Conveyor System



# Born of intensive development work and experience



## ContiTech Conveyor Belt Group

Every conveyor belt, every climate zone and every topography calls for perfect conveyor belt technology. ContiTech provides knowledge, experience, a globally encompassing and competent network and a broad product range to give your conveyor belt applications a technological lead. More than 140 years of rubber expertise make us a strong partner, enabling our customers to benefit from the synergies within the Continental corporation. We implement innovative conveyor belt technology reliably, sustainably and safely from development to commissioning and after-sales service.

## Research, development and experience

In collaboration with its business partners, ContiTech has developed a pipe belt conveyor system which meets the most stringent demands of conveying technology.

After intensive research and development and decades of experience in this field, Engineers at ContiTech have made further improvements to pipe belts' technical properties. The strength of our application engineering has paid real dividends in the know-how relating to pipe belt conveyor systems. This expertise guarantees reliable advice and ultimate product quality. We also offer a comprehensive service and can manufacture pipe conveyor belts tailored to your specific customer requirements.

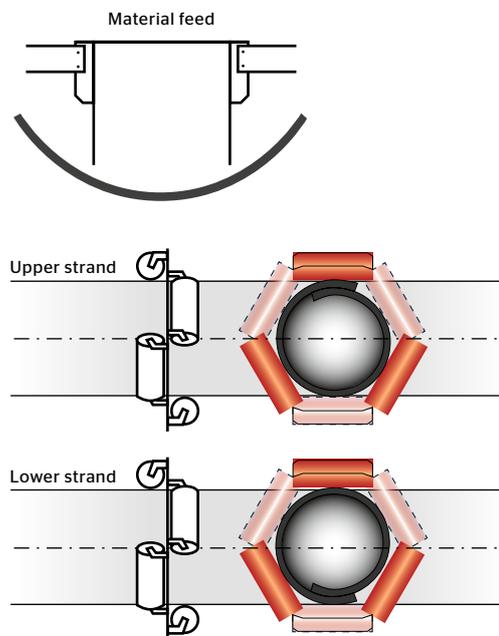
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conveying excellence



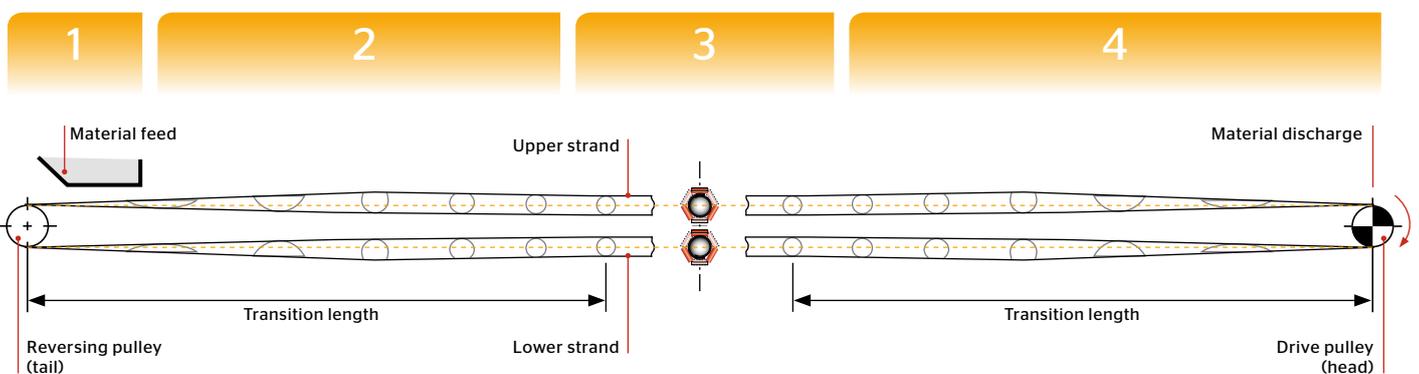
# Design and function of a pipe conveyor system



- 1 The pipe belt works in accordance with a specific operating principle: at the material feed point (after the tail pulley) the conveyor belt is troughed and is fed at this point like a conventional conveyor belt.
- 2 After the material feed point the conveyor belt is formed into a closed belt pipe by specially configured finger rollers.
- 3 Further idlers set along the conveyor route guarantee that the belt is kept closed. As a result, the material conveyed remains protected by the closed belt system.
- 4 At the end of the belt run (before the head pulley) the closed belt is opened as a result of the configuration of the finger rollers and adopts a flat shape at the pulley. The material conveyed can then be discharged in the same way as with conventional belt systems.



## Design of a pipe conveyor system



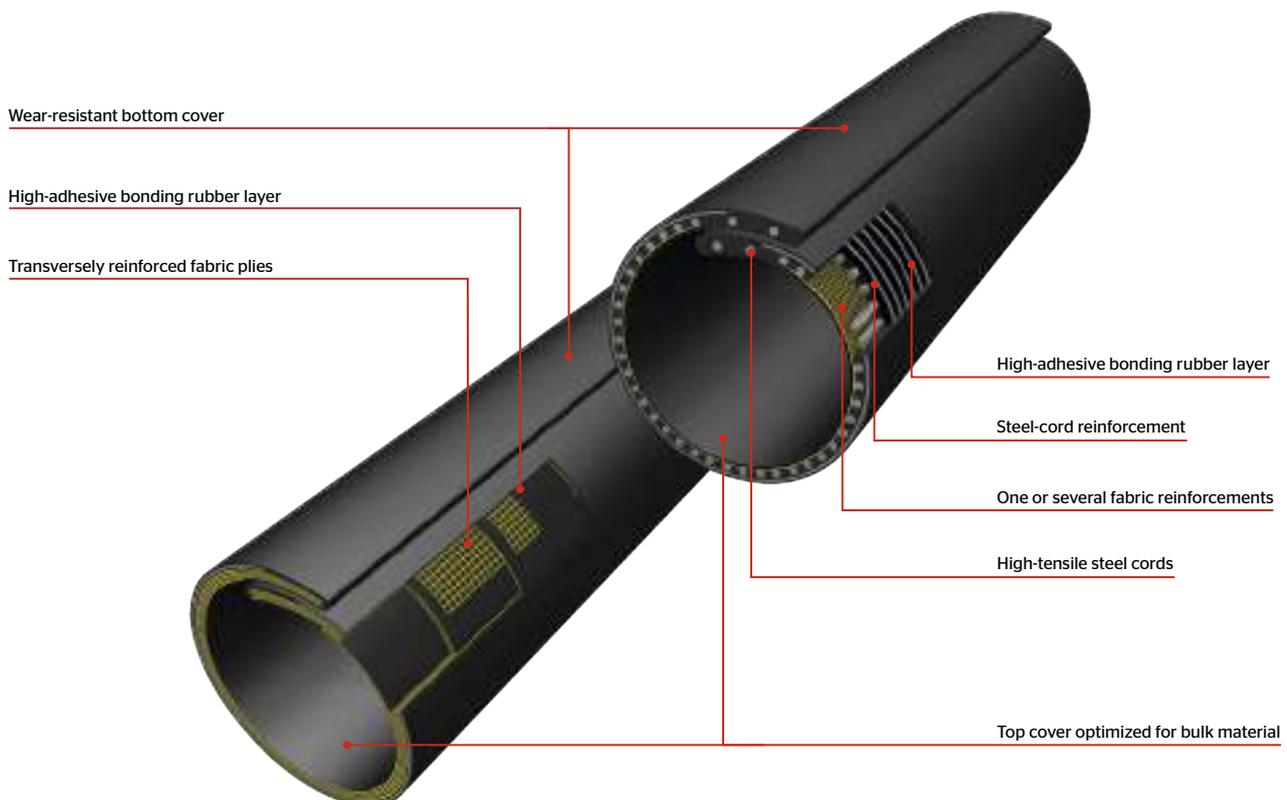
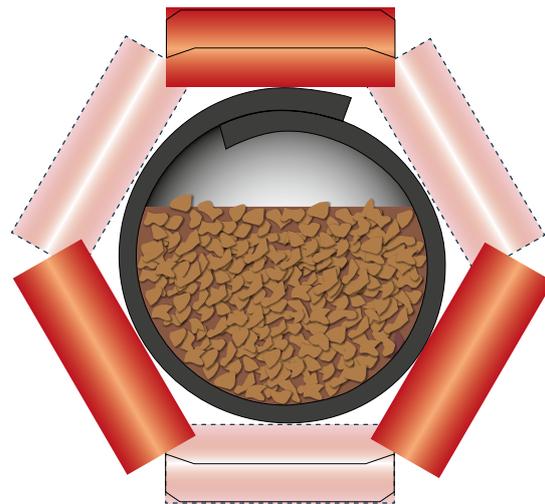
# Properties of the pipe belt conveyor system

## Design-based benefits

A pipe conveyor belt differs from a conventional, troughed belt in its design and splicing technology and performs special conveying tasks (see table: Overview of benefits). Mining and industrial applications often require relatively large inclines and tight curves to be overcome in tight spaces and at high mass flow rates. The particular features of modern pipe belt conveyors include: no transfer points, no material spillage along the conveyor route, and tight 3D curves. Pipe belt conveyors save space thanks to their compact design, navigate natural terrain, including steep conveyor angles up to 30°.

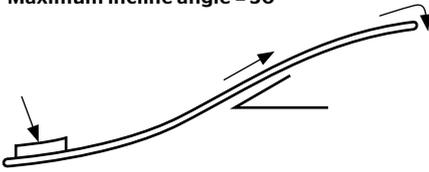
## Fabric or steel-cord carcass

Depending on requirements, the pipe belt is equipped with high-quality fabric or steel-cord strength members and a system of transverse reinforcement. This ensures a stable, durable tubular form. The high-tensile steel-cord pipe belts ( $k_N > 5400 \text{ N/mm}$ ) offer new prospects, for example in surface and underground mining operations.



# Properties of the pipe belt conveyor system

Maximum incline angle = 30°

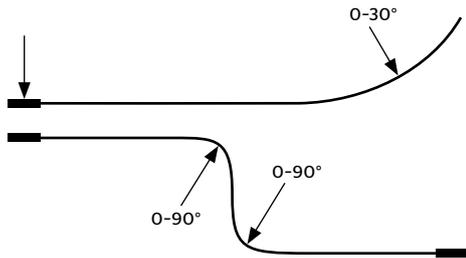


### Guide dimensions for design:

Belt width	B = 600 to 3200* mm
Outer diameter	D <sub>A</sub> = 150 mm to 900* mm
Recommended max. fill level	η <sub>f</sub> = 75%
Max. volumetric flow rate I <sub>V</sub> at conveyor speed v <sub>F</sub> = 1 m/s, max. outer diameter D <sub>A</sub> = 900* mm and fill level η <sub>f</sub> = 75%:	I <sub>Vmax</sub> ≈ 1500* m <sup>3</sup> /h
Recommended max. conveyor speeds (depending on idler diameter)	v <sub>F</sub> = 2.3 to 6.5* m/s
Max. lump size (depending on pipe inner diameter and operating data)	50 to 350* mm

\* Outer diameters greater than D<sub>A</sub> = 700 mm are handled using our new product CONTI® MegaPipe. We will be happy to provide further information on request.

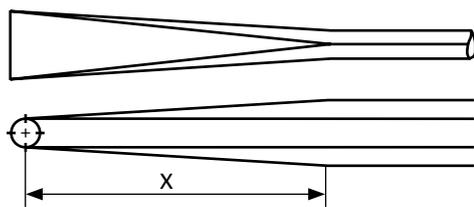
Deviation angle for horizontal and vertical curves



### Minimum radius of curve for horizontal and vertical curves

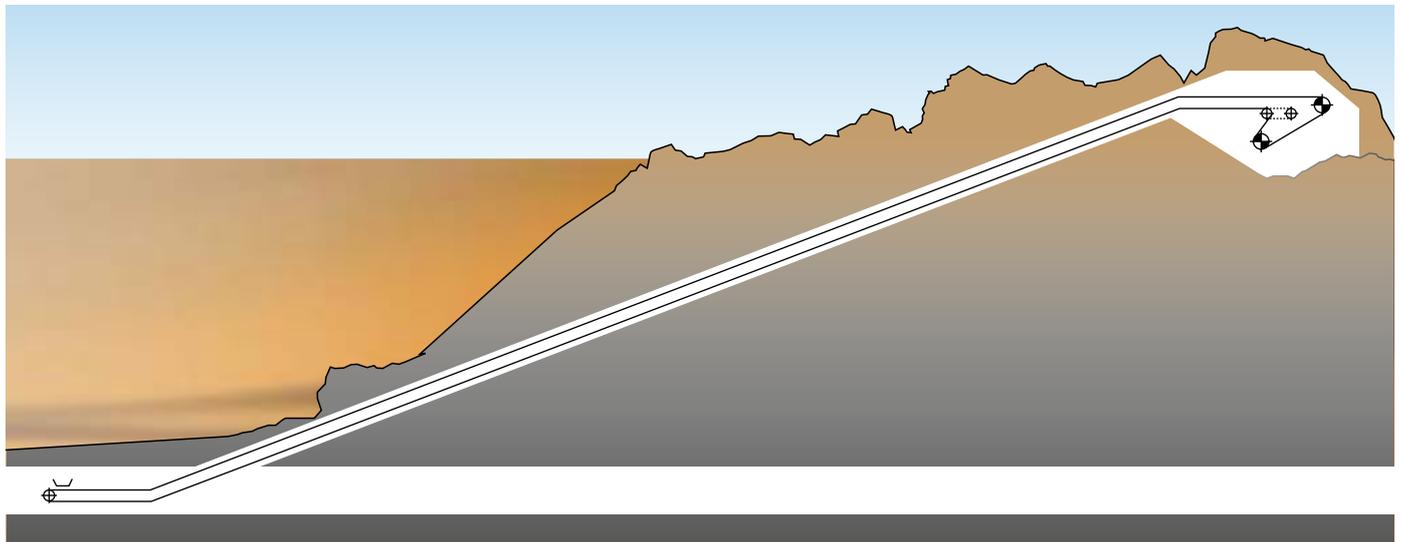
R = Outer Ø x 300 for fabric belts
R = Outer Ø x 600 for steel-cord belts

Minimum transition length



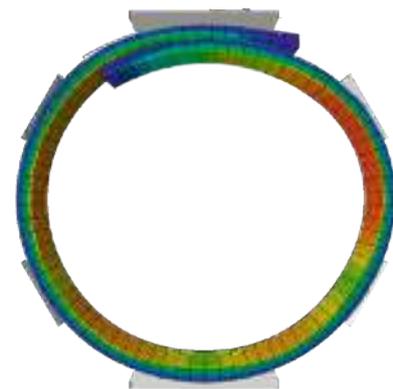
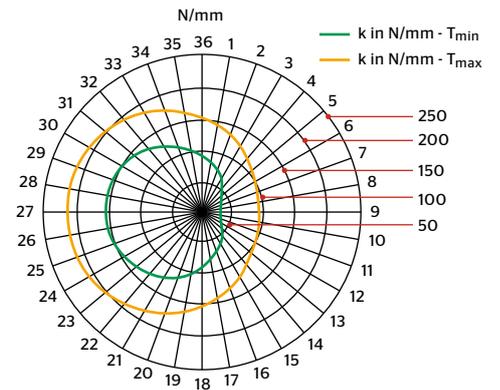
### Minimum transition length

x = Outer Ø x 30 for fabric belts
x = Outer Ø x 60 for steel-cord belts





**Belt tensions in a right curve in N/mm**



**Quality and reliability**

Just like our conventional conveyor belts, a key feature of our pipe belts is their extremely high quality. They are made of engineered materials which are processed using advanced production technologies. This ensures a high level of reliability and a long service life.

**Precise testing**

To guarantee the specified quality standards, extremely precise calculations and test/inspection measures are required. The transverse strength and form of the overlap area are extremely important in ensuring a pipe belt's optimal operation. ContiTech engineers test all the pipe belt's product properties in an in-house test laboratory. The go-ahead for production is only given once all the parameters have been fulfilled.

**Outstanding service**

Our team will assist you at every phase of your project and support you through planning, installation, commissioning and beyond. Our application engineers can call on many years of experience and extensive knowledge in the field of pipe belt conveyor systems.



# Overview of Benefits



In addition to consistent quality and technical reliability, highly engineered pipe belt conveyor systems offer a range of other benefits.

Plant engineering	Product	Protection
<p><b>Benefits of technical plant design:</b></p>	<p><b>The belt properties result in the following product benefits:</b></p>	<p><b>The closed system performs a range of protective functions:</b></p>
<p>Very tight curves and incline angles up to 30° possible, hence optimal adaptation to local features / terrain / systems</p>	<p>The high strength and ability to negotiate curves mean that long center distances without intermediate transfer stations are possible</p>	<p>Protection of the material conveyed against environmental conditions (e.g. rain, snow, sun and wind)</p>
<p>Low space requirement thanks to compact design, thus also ideal for underground mining, cement factories, steel mills and power plants</p>	<p>The low-stretch strength member enables short take-ups</p>	<p>Protection of the material conveyed against volatilization and adulteration due to extraction or addition of parts of the material</p>
<p>No transfer stations as a result of tight horizontal and vertical curves and relatively high incline angles</p>	<p>Stable tracking. The special tension member configuration ensures an effective seal in the overlap area</p>	<p>Protection of the environment and people since hazardous, contaminated, dusty or strong-smelling materials (chemicals, refuse, ash, overburden etc.) cannot escape</p>
<p>Low maintenance and cleaning input thanks to standardized, abrasion-resistant components</p>	<p>High volumetric flow rates and transport of large material lumps (up to 350 mm) thanks to outer diameters up to 900 mm. Direct transport of ores or overburden after the primary crusher possible in mining operations</p>	<p>Significantly reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions compared with convention transport by truck. Environmental protection in accordance with our guiding principle: Engineering Green Value</p>
<p>Steeper conveying angles compared with conventional, troughed conveyor belts</p>	<p>Belt design offers a long service life and extreme reliability</p>	
<p>High conveying speed</p>	<p>High product quality</p>	



**Guiding principle for our overall strategic position**

The guiding principle of Engineering Green Value underlies our strong corporate commitment to, and technological expertise in, the development and use of ContiTech products. In order to ensure sustainable business for the good of both present and future generations, ContiTech makes the issues of environmental and climate protection an integral part of the product development process.

# Application Examples



## ENEL OGK-5, GRES Reftinskaya, Russia

**Partner: TAKRAF**

The TC tube conveyor system in Siberia with a conveying capacity of 2200 t/h is one of the most exciting systems in the world because it transports hot ash at +90°C in an outside temperature of -45°C at a conveying speed of 5.2 m/s. The temperature differential can actually become even more extreme. The tube conveyor system with its center distance of 4390 m and a 30 m lift uses a 2000 mm wide CONTI® PIPE 2500 S-K2, 8:7, Vulcan T150 with an outer diameter of Ø570 mm. This is optimally adapted to the conveyor configuration with one vertical and five horizontal curves with a min. curve radius of 420 m.



## SINCOR, Jose, Venezuela

**Partner: TAKRAF**

The CR-408 harbor tube conveyor with a center distance of 1215 m and a lift of 10 m is equipped with a 2200 mm wide CONTI® PIPE 1400 S-K2, 7:6, OIL GM which has an outer diameter Ø623 mm in the upper strand and Ø588 mm in the lower strand. The pipe belt has oil-resistant and flame-retardant covers which can also convey material with a temperature of up to 80°C. The system runs over one horizontal and two vertical wharf curves and carries approx. 2000 t/h of petroleum coke or approx. 800 t/h of granulated sulfur at a max. conveyor speed of 4.2 m/s.



## Bowie Resources Skyline Mine, USA

### Partner: ThyssenKrupp

The BC-8 pipe belt conveyor in the Skyline mine with a 1600 mm wide CONTI® PIPE 1000 S-K2, 8:6, ContiExtra in the mountains of the US state of Utah is one of the most challenging infrastructure and materials handling solutions worldwide. With a pipe belt outer diameter of approx. Ø 452 mm, the conveyor features 22 horizontal and 45 vertical tight curves with a minimum curve radius of 365 m. The conveyor route precisely follows the existing topographic terrain. With a center distance of 3414 m and a difference in elevation of  $\Delta H = -172$  m, BC-8 carries approx. 1270 t/h of coal at a conveyor speed of 4.18 m/s to a railroad loading facility.



## HKM Steel Mill, Germany

### Partner: ThyssenKrupp

In the coal handling plant in Duisburg 800 t/h of coal is carried on a conveyor with a center distance of approx. 736 m at a conveyor speed of 2.09 m/s. The 1800 mm wide CONTI® PIPE 1000/5 G-K2 with a nominal pipe diameter of Ø 500 mm (oval) guarantees reliable, stable operation without twisting of the belt in the vertical and horizontal curves.

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## AES Maritza East 1, Bulgaria

**Partner: TAKRAF**

The TC-3A tube conveyor in the AES Maritza East 1 power plant with its center distance of 4532 m and a lift of approx. 25 m offers an excellent fit with the local conditions and the existing infrastructure in Galabovo (railroad, village). The conveyor is equipped with a CONTI® PIPE 1500 S-K2, 7:6, ContiExtra and has 8 horizontal and 7 vertical tight curves. With an outer pipe diameter of Ø430 mm in the upper strand and Ø400 mm in the lower strand, 1400 t/h of ash is carried by the pipe belt at a conveyor speed of 4.8 m/s.



## Qatalum Handling System, Qatar

**Partner: ThyssenKrupp**

A pipe belt conveyor with a 2100 mm wide CONTI® PIPE 1600/5 G-K2 carries up to 2200 t/h of alumina and petroleum coke from the ship unloading facility to the Qatalum smelter. With a pipe outer diameter of Ø590 mm and a belt speed of 3.3 m/s, the material conveyed is safely carried through the vertical and horizontal curves with radii of 220-280 m.



## Linz Service GmbH, Austria

### Partner: BEUMER

The pipe belt conveyor carries 40 t/h at a conveyor speed of 1,3 m/s and is in operation at Linz Service GmbH on Industriezeile in the inland port of Linz, which is located on the River Danube. The conveyor carries household and industrial waste and sewage sludge from the Asten sewage treatment plant out of a treatment building and over a public street to the power plant where it is used to generate district heat and electricity for utility company Linz AG's networks.

The pipe belt conveyor bridges a difference in elevation of 24 meters. The pipe belt system with its center distance of 475 m and a nominal diameter of Ø 300 mm (oval) is equipped with a 1200 mm wide CONTI® PIPE 630/3 G-K2. The conveyor is in operation around the clock.

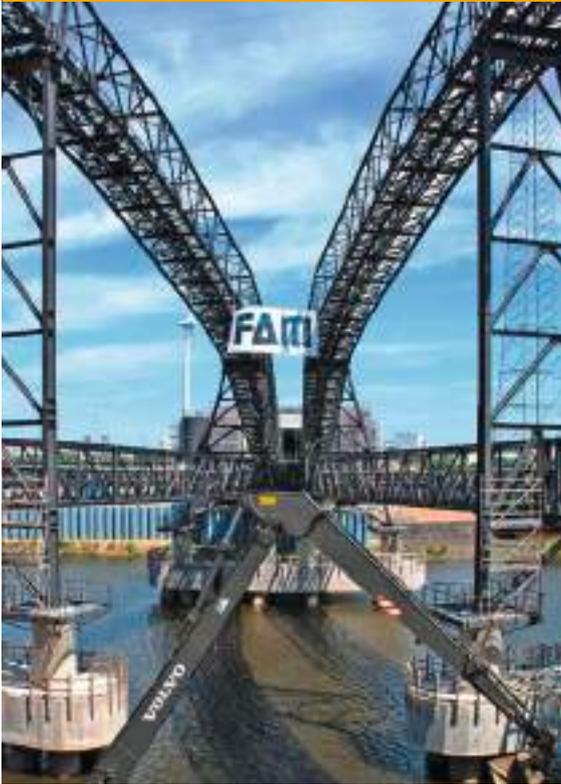


## Indocement, Indonesia

### Partner: BEUMER

Indocement, the second largest cement manufacturer in Indonesia, is owned by construction materials corporation Heidelberg-Cement. A BEUMER pipe belt conveyor with a capacity of 200 t/h and a speed of 1.35 m/s is in operation which supplies secondary fuels to the rotary kiln. The system overcomes an elevation of 89 m. The pipe belt conveyor is equipped with a 1200 mm wide CONTI® PIPE 800/4 G-K2 which has a nominal diameter Ø 300 mm (oval) and a center distance of 340 m.

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## Moorburg Power Plant, Germany

### Partner: FAM

Two FAM pipe belt conveyors are in operation for stacking and reclaiming coal in two circular stacker-reclaimers in the Moorburg power plant. Each has a capacity of 3000 t/h for stacking and 1200 t/h for reclaiming. The curved pipe belt conveyors for stacking with a length of 260 m and a pipe outer diameter of  $\varnothing$  630 mm overcome a difference in elevation of 40 m with a belt speed of 5,41 m/s and are equipped with an CONTI® PIPE 1000/4 G-K2 in a width of 2200 mm. The reclaiming conveyors with a pipe outer diameter of  $\varnothing$  530 mm and a belt speed of 3,02 m/s are 215 m long and are equipped with an CONTI® PIPE 1250/4 G-K2 in a width of 1900 mm. Two further FAM pipe belt conveyors with a length of 365 m and a lift of 68 m each carry 1200 t/h of coal with a belt speed of 3,11 m/s into the generating unit's boiler bunkers. These conveyors with a pipe outer diameter of  $\varnothing$  530 mm are equipped with ContiTech pipe belts CONTI® PIPE 1250/4 G-K2 in a width of 1900 mm as well.

The Moorburg power plant also houses an FAM pipe belt conveyor for stacking gypsum in a circular stacker-reclaimer with a capacity of 1000 t/h with a belt speed of 2,18 m/s. The curved conveyor with a length of 482 m and a lift of 28 m is equipped with a CONTI® PIPE 1000/4 G-K2 in a width of 1900 mm for a pipe outer diameter of  $\varnothing$  530 mm.





## Vigier Cement Plant, Switzerland

### Partner: FLSmidth

The KOCH Pipe Conveyor® manufactured for the Vigier cement plant in 1989 has been operating successfully for over 25 years. In 2006 the existing belt was replaced with a 1600 mm wide CONTI® PIPE 1000 G-K2. The 944 m long pipe conveyor overcomes a difference in elevation of  $\Delta H = -93\text{ m}$  with an incline angle of up to  $\alpha = -26^\circ$  in challenging terrain.

It crosses roads, highways and rail tracks which are reliably protected from the material conveyed thanks to the pipe belt design. The horizontal and vertical curves of the pipe belt conveyor allow optimal adaptation to the topographic features. Its pipe outer diameter of  $\text{Ø}458\text{ mm}$  and a belt speed of 3 m/s enable up to 1400 t/h of limestone to be carried which is then discharged into various silos.



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As a division of the Continental Group, ContiTech is a recognised innovation and technology leader in natural rubber and plastics. As an industry partner with a firm future ahead of us, we engineer solutions both with and for our customers around the world.

Our bespoke solutions are specially tailored to meet the needs of the market. With extensive expertise in materials and processes, we are able to develop cutting-edge technologies while ensuring we make responsible use of resources. We are quick to respond to important technological trends, such as function integration, lightweight engineering and the reduction of complexity, and offer a range of relevant products and services. That way, when you need us, you'll find we're already there.