

# PREVENTIVE EXPLOSION PROTECTION

Monitoring | Control | Inerting





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With over 25 years' experience, robecco has become a specialist in preventive explosion protection and can provide complete packages of equipment for monitoring, control and  $\mathrm{CO}_2$  /  $\mathrm{N}_2$  inerting systems from a single source and one interface according to the relevant international and European norms and rules. The company maintains long-established business relationships with customers worldwide providing preventive explosion protection solutions and automation services for the integration of solutions into customers' systems.



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## WHERE AND WHEN IS THERE A RISK OF EXPLOSION?

- The explosion and fire safety of an installation is determined by risk factors associated with the process and products.
- High temperatures and material product characteristics can create dangerous smouldering fires in the production process.
- A proven technology is the use of Carbon Monoxide (CO) analysis for early fire-detection and Oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) analysis to monitor the inert atmosphere. This is recommended according to CEN 15281 and VDI guideline 2263/2.
- Early detection of smouldering fires allows the operators to mitigate fire propagation with the help of technical measures. Continuous Carbon Monoxide (CO) and Oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) monitoring is essential to ensure prevention against fires and explosions.
- INERTING is an effective method to prevent explosions and fires. The use of inert gases effectively prevents spontaneous combustion of flammable dust, liquids and gases.

The prevention of a dust explosion is only possible if one condition in the pentagon is eliminated.

The only effective method is the reduction of Oxygen!



**EXPLOSION** 

### **RISK!**

#### **EXPLOSION HAZARDS in**

- □ Mills
- □ Separators
- □ Filters Dust Collectors
- □ Conveyors
- □ Silos
- □ Spray Dryers
- □ Dryers
- **□** Mixers

#### **IGNITION SOURCES**

- □ Smouldering Nests
- □ Hot Surfaces
- Mechanically-InducedSparks
- Sparking Electrical Equipment
- □ Flames
- □ Electrostatic Discharges

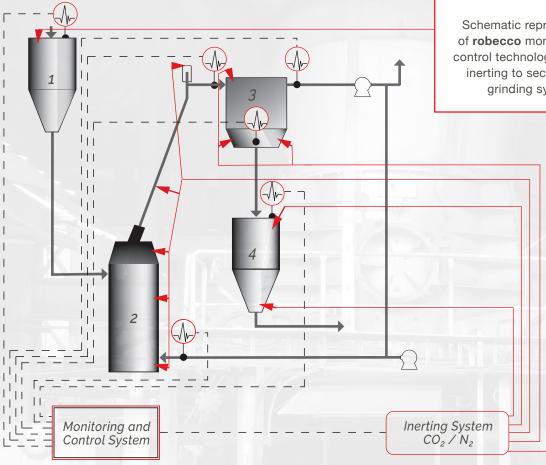
#### **RISK POTENTIAL with**

- Combustible dust in powder-air mixtures
- Combustible and explosive gases

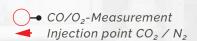
## **MONITORING, CONTROL** & INERTING CONCEPT

## **EXAMPLE CONCEPT**

Schematic representation of robecco monitoring and control technology, including inerting to secure a coal grinding system.



- 1. Raw coal silo
- 2. Mill
- 3. Bag filter
- 4. Coal dust silo



#### AREAS OF APPLICATION:

- Coal grinding / storage
- · Sewage sludge processing
- Biomass
- Power plants
- Minerals
- Cement industry
- Chemistry
- Food industry

## WHAT DOES **INERTING MEAN?**

The target of inerting is the reduction of O2 in explosive atmospheres. Inert gases like CO<sub>2</sub> / N<sub>2</sub> have a low level of reactivity and reduce the Oxygen below the limiting Oxygen concentration.



By using robecco products, gas and dust explosions are prevented effectively. For all components and systems the regulations of ATEX and CEN 15281 are complied with.

robecco provides turnkey, automatic CO<sub>2</sub> / N<sub>2</sub> - inerting systems including monitoring and control.

## robecco PREVENTIVE EXPLOSION PROTECTION **COMPONENTS**

**HIGH-PRESSURE** CO<sub>2</sub>-**INERTING** 

robecco INERT

**LOW-PRESSURE** CO<sub>2</sub>-**INERTING** 

robecco INERT

**HIGH-PRESSURE** N<sub>2</sub>-**INERTING** 

robecco INERT

robecco **GAS ANALYSER SYSTEM** 

robecco GAS

robecco **SECURE CENTER** 

robecco RSC

robecco provides **SAFETY** 



## HIGH-PRESSURE CO<sub>2</sub>-INERTING







CO<sub>2</sub> Valve station

CO₂ high-pressure tank

Visualised operation

#### **Technical characteristics:**

#### Operating data inert gas tank:

Operation pressure: 50 - 70 bar
CO<sub>2</sub>-temperature: +15/+28° C
Max. pressure: 80 bar

#### Pressure control:

- Pressure build-up by ambient temperature and tank-heating elements
- Water-sprinkling system or installation in an air-conditioned room

#### Gas generation:

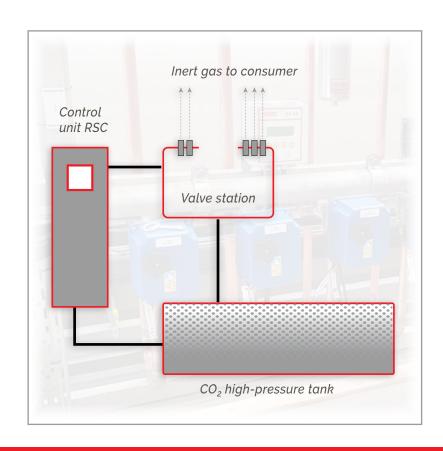
- · With highly-pressurised gas directly
- Electrical tank-heaters

#### Refilling

- With road tanker and integrated highpressure pump
- · Separate high-pressure pump

HIGH AMOUNTS OF CO<sub>2</sub> -GAS DIRECTLY FROM THE TANK







## LOW-PRESSURE CO<sub>2</sub>-INERTING





#### **Technical characteristics:**

#### Operating data inert gas tank:

Operation pressure: 22 - 23 bar
 CO<sub>2</sub>-temperature: -16/+15° C

• Max. pressure: 25 bar

#### Insulation:

Vacuum insulation

#### Pressure control:

- · Pressure build-up heater
- · Cooling by refrigeration unit

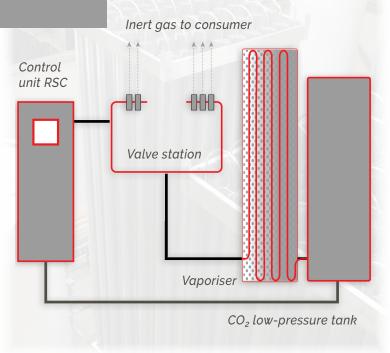
#### Gas generation:

- Liquid CO<sub>2</sub> storage in vertical tanks
- Gas generation with ambient air vaporiser
- At lower ambient temperatures <+5°C heated with integrated electrical heater

#### Refilling:

With road tanker and integrated pressure pump

CO, low-pressure tank





## HIGH-PRESSURE N<sub>2</sub>-INERTING





N<sub>2</sub> Valve station

Na high pressure bottles

#### **Technical characteristics:**

#### Operating data N<sub>2</sub> bottles:

- Very compact packs
- Operating-pressure 200-300 bar
- N<sub>2</sub> packs with 8-12 bottles

#### N<sub>2</sub>-Storage:

 N<sub>2</sub> packs on rental basis or directly-owned

#### Pressure control:

No direct pressure control necessary

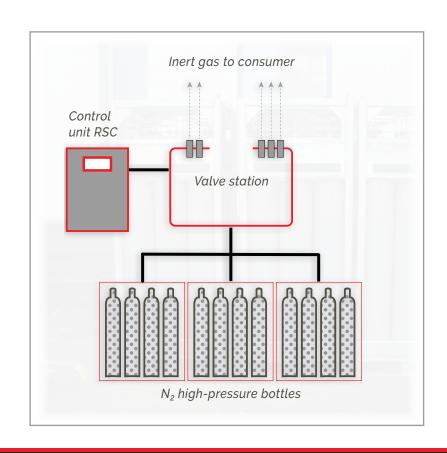
#### Gas generation:

N<sub>2</sub> gas directly available in N<sub>2</sub> bottles

#### Refilling:

· By a local gas supplier







## robecco GAS ANALYSER SYSTEM







#### **Technical characteristics:**

- · Measurement systems, monitoring and control units for different gases (e.g. O<sub>2</sub>, CO, CH<sub>4</sub>, etc.)
- · Extractive gas sample systems with sample probes and sample
- · Measurement of process safetyrelated parameters
- · Flexible sample lines
  - -lengths
  - -power
  - -heated and non heated version
- · ATEX certified equipment for explosive areas

#### Service:

- Full Services
  - -Project engineering
  - -Manufacture
  - -Commissioning and
  - -Training



robecco reliably undertakes the measurement of safety-related parameters during the operation of explosive processes. Oxygen, CO and CH<sub>4</sub> measurements are indispensable for operating inert gas systems. The use of safety-related parameters is essential for applying preventive explosion control. Taking action requires information on the limiting Oxygen concentration and the CO/CH<sub>4</sub> concentration of air-dust mixtures. Measuring and control systems have to fulfil certain requirements (ATEX Directive).





## robecco SECURE CENTER

robecco secure center is a central fully-automatic control system, which guarantees the inert atmosphere during chemical and physical processes.

Sensors and actuators are connected to the system which prevents effectively dangerous process situations. robecco secure center controls and regulates the following components:

- ☐ Gas Analyser Systems
- □ Temperature Sensors
- Inerting Systems
- Valves and Flaps

#### FULLY AUTOMATIC INERTING

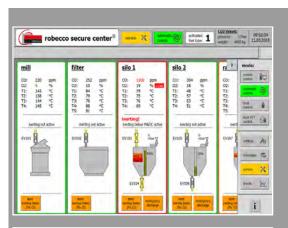


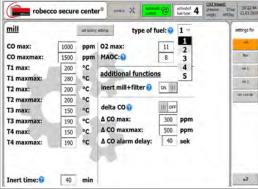
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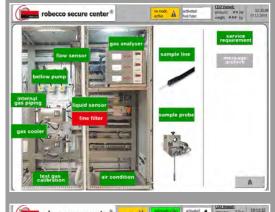
- Fully-automatic monitoring and control system
- Visualisation of the complete inerting process
- · Fully adaptable at operator CCR
- · User friendly operation
- Service and Maintenance monitoring
- · Remote maintenance available
- Failure indication in plain text messages
- Trend view and data memory
- Self-sufficient system functions without upper PLC control
- Exact CO2- or N2- dosing regarding effectiveness and environment
- Monitoring of CO2- or N2- storage guarantee the procurement and stock
- Monitoring of system-relevant functionalities of the inerting system, gas analyser systems and temperature sensors
- Automatic determination of maintenance intervals of single components independent of operation duration or malfunctions

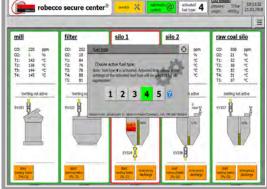
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## MONITORING, CONTROL & INERTING-SYSTEMS

for

# PREVENTIVE EXPLOSION PROTECTION

made in germany.

according to the standards:

European Inerting guideline CEN 15281
German Inerting Guideline VDI 2263/2
German VDE regulations
German TRBS 2152 part 2
ATEX Regulations 2014/34/EU
Gas Analyser Directive IEC60079-29
European low-voltage regulation 2014/35/EU
European Machine Regulation 2006/42/EG
European Pressure Equipment Directive PED 2014/68/EC

## robecco generates

QUALITY | SAFETY | PRODUCTIVITY

