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Oil shale is one of the worldâ€™s natural resources that can be found in many countries. However, the resource is not being processed in very many locations. Countries such as Brazil and China are currently producing oil shale and Estonia is one of the countries that are processing oil shale on international levels.

The largest oil shale processing company is VKG oil. The company realizes the value of the oil shale product and delivers the product to many consumers. VKG stands for Viru Keemia Grupp. There are 8 companies within the group and the mother company owns a hundred percent of the shares of the subsidiaries. There are approximately 1500 people employed by VKG. The turnover of oil shale was 1.7 billion kroons in 2009 and was expected to exceed 2 billion kroons in 2010. The company won the award of â€œBest Estonian Enterpriseâ€• in

2009.

Products and Services

VKG is the largest and leading enterprise of Estonia in producing shale oil as well as in the chemistry of oil shale. The shale gas and the shale oil that are made by the plant currently supply heat to many houses in Estonia and throughout other Nordic countries.

Shale oil that is produced by VKG oil has many useful properties resulting in high demand from the ships that go through the severe weather conditions of the Atlantic and Arctic Oceans. The perfume and cosmetics industries use the fine chemical products that are generated from the oil shale produced by the company. In addition, the company also provides the high class car production companies with materials from the oil shale that is produced.

Uses

The shale fuel oils produced by VKG oil are used mainly for industrial furnaces and boilers. When compared to similar fuels that have a petroleum base, the shale fuel oils offer a low pour point, low viscosity and a low content of sulfur.

The oil shale bitumens that are produced by the company are used for making asphalt mixes for paving roads and in the process of surfacing roads as well.

When extracting the oil shale from retort liquor, total phenols are produced. The main components of these total phenols are highly reactive alkyl derivatives of resorcinol. These can be used for adhesive resins, tanning

Agents, and for compositions used for repairing gas and oil wells.

VKG Oil Transportation

One of the biggest transport companies of Estonia, VKG transport AS offers both car and railway logistic services throughout the country of Estonia and around the world.

The company has more than 1300 tank cars in order to transport both light and dark oil chemicals and products. VKG will transport dangerous cargo and because of this effectively repairs and

maintains the railroad network. The company also renders the forwarding services for the transportation of the products and rents services from the railway for rolling stock and also takes care of the tank cleaning services. VKG guarantees the safe delivery of their products to all of their customers.

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