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Rolf Windecker Process Manager Assistant, Butadiene plant

Statement (Available in German only)

00:05	My name is Rolf Windecker and this is our butadiene plant in Ludwigshafen.
00:10	Butadiene is a raw material that can be used to produce synthetic rubber. Other applications are dispersions up to adhesives. The tire industry is one of the main consumers of butadiene.
00:21	There are a total of 69 employees working here. Of these, 56 work a four-day 12-hour rotating shift. They are responsible for the control and monitoring of the systems in the control room and on site.
00:37	Our daily tasks include safety inspection rounds to identify irregularities in the plant. We must then document the inspections by hand, using checklists.
00:49	In principle we have a double documentation process, because we make a clean copy of the checklists from the external round.
00:56	We have created and tested several applications for the "Smart Manufacturing" project, and we will standardize these in the near future.
01:05	We will document our daily inspection rounds in a digital file using a tablet. In addition, we can download all our process information and view it on the tablet.
01:17	There is another app we have developed to assist us regarding planned shutdowns. It is a checklist to set and pull blinds.
01:26	Mix-ups are avoided by scanning a QR code at a specific location. The current status is documented with a photo.
01:38	We plan to create further apps by the next shutdown, and we are convinced that these apps will facilitate our work.



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01:46	We will continue to develop more apps, and we are believing that these apps
	will further simplify our work in the future.

01:54 We are excited about the future opportunities created by "Smart Manufacturing" for us and for BASF.