

Evonik Industries to expand its Asian capacities

May 6, 2010

- Group to expand specialty polymer production in Shanghai and Taichung
- New MATCH supercomplex in China to be expanded
- Klaus Engel: "Our polymer business in Asia is showing remarkable growth rates."

Alexandra Boy
Corporate Press
Phone +49 201 177-3167
Fax +49 201 177-3030
alexandra.boy@evonik.com

Ruben Thiel
Corporate Press
Phone +49 201 177-4299
Fax +49 201 177-3030
ruben.thiel@evonik.com

Three new projects reflect Evonik Industries' confidence in the future perspectives of Asian business. The Group is already one of the leading global providers of methacrylate chemical products. Evonik now plans to expand its production capacities for PMMA molding compounds at its facilities south of Shanghai, China, and in Taichung, Taiwan. Furthermore, Evonik is expanding its methacrylic acid capacities in the Shanghai MATCH supercomplex, which began operating just five months ago.

"We want to grow in particular in places where markets develop at above-average rates. Our polymer business in Asia is showing remarkable growth rates. That's why we decided to invest quickly and consistently in the expansion of our plants," explained Klaus Engel, chairman of Evonik Industries' Executive Board.

The Taichung plant began running in 2007 as part of the joint venture Evonik Forhouse Optical Polymers Corporation. It produces some 40,000 metric tons of PLEXIGLAS® molding compounds a year for light guide panels used in flat-screen monitors, and demand for these flat-screen monitors has risen significantly, particularly in Asia. The expanded Taichung plant, with capacities to produce another 20,000 metric tons a year, is scheduled to become operational in the second quarter of 2011.

Since November 2008, in its first expansion stage, the Shanghai PMMA plant had been producing some 18,000 metric tons a year. The products are supplied as a comprehensive line of PLEXIGLAS® molding compounds to various industries in Asia, including the automotive, lighting, and electronics industries. The demand for PLEXIGLAS® molding compounds also has increased considerably in these market segments, prompting the company to accelerate the construction of a second expansion stage with capacities of another 18,000 metric tons a year. The expanded

Evonik Industries AG
Rellinghauser Strasse 1-11
45128 Essen
Germany
www.evonik.com
Chairman of the Supervisory Board
Wilhelm Bonse-Geuking
Management Board
Dr. Klaus Engel, Chairman
Ralf Blauth, Dr. Wolfgang Colberg

production capacities will become operational in the second half of 2011.

Beyond that, Evonik has expanded its production capacity of methacrylic acid at the MATCH supercomplex in Shanghai to 25,000 metric tons. Production at the expanded capacity should begin this May.

These steps are the continuation of a series of Asian investments for Evonik Industries: Five months ago, in November 2009, the Group finished building the MATCH supercomplex for producing polymers, polymer precursors, and coating systems in Shanghai and began operating the €250 million plant. The plant is the Group's largest investment in China.

The Performance Polymers Business Unit of Evonik Industries is a worldwide manufacturer of PMMA products sold under the PLEXIGLAS® trademark on the European, Asian, African and Australian continents and under the trademark ACRYLITE® in the Americas.

About Evonik

Evonik Industries is the creative industrial group from Germany. In our core business of specialty chemicals, we are a global leader. In addition, Evonik is an expert in power generation from hard coal and renewable energies, and one of the largest private residential real estate companies in Germany. Our company's performance is shaped by creativity, specialization, continuous self-renewal, and reliability.

Evonik is active in over 100 countries around the world. In its fiscal year 2009 about 39,000 employees generated sales of about €13.1 billion and an operating profit (EBITDA) of about €2.0 billion.

Disclaimer

In so far as forecasts or expectations are expressed in this press release or where our statements concern the future, these forecasts, expectations or statements may involve known or unknown risks and uncertainties. Actual results or developments may vary, depending on changes in the operating environment. Neither Evonik Industries AG nor its group companies assume an obligation to update the forecasts, expectations or statements contained in this release.