

Evonik Industries to Increase Global Methyl Methacrylate Production Capabilities

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Evonik Industries, one of the leading suppliers of methacrylate chemistry, is increasing the production capabilities of its Methyl Methacrylate plants throughout the world, to meet the rising demand.

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Evonik will increase their production capabilities of Methyl Methacrylate through debottlenecking and plant expansion projects in their existing plants in Europe (Worms and Wesseling in Germany), Asia (Shanghai in China), and the United States (Fortier) in 2011 and 2012. Upon completion of the projects Evonik industries will be able to produce approximately 50,000 additional metric tons of Methyl Methacrylate. Thomas Müller, Senior Vice President & General Manager Acrylic Monomers, said of the previously announced expansion of the Methyl Methacrylate capacity: "We are reacting timely to support the growth of our customers."

Methyl Methacrylate is primarily used for Polymethylmethacrylate resins and surface coatings.

Evonik Industries produces and markets Methyl Methacrylate, Methacrylic Acid, n- and i-Butyl Methacrylate, Hydroxy Methacrylates, and Special Methacrylic Monomers under the trademark VISIOMER®.

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Company information

Evonik, the creative industrial group from Germany, is one of the world leaders in specialty chemicals. Its activities focus on the key megatrends health and nutrition, resource efficiency and globalization. In 2010 about 80 percent of the Group's chemicals sales came from activities where it ranks among the market leaders. Evonik benefits specifically from its innovative prowess and integrated technology platforms.

Evonik is active in over 100 countries around the world. In fiscal 2010 more than 34,000 employees generated sales of around €13.3 billion and an operating profit (EBITDA) of about €2.4 billion.

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