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Arkema increases photocure resin production capacity at its Sartomer affiliate in China

To support the growth of Sartomer, the world leader in specialty photocure resins, Arkema announces a project to expand by over 30% production capacity at its Nansha facility in China. This new production line will in particular help meet strong customer demand in Asia in the electronics, 3D-printing and inkjet printing cutting-edge markets.

Arkema announces the construction on its Nansha site south of Canton, China, of a new production line for UV, LED and EB (Electron Beam) photocure resins, which should come on stream early 2019. This new line will produce high performance photocure resins with innovative properties, earmarked for the electronics cutting-edge markets in which they are used for the manufacture and design of printed circuits and smartphone, tablet or television screens, as well as the 3D-printing market for which Sartomer has just launched its latest generation range of solutions under the trade name N3xtDimension™.

Thanks to production sites and R&D facilities in Europe, Asia and the United States, Sartomer's customers benefit from high quality technical support for tailor-made developments as well as responsive local logistics services. This strong local presence in each of the 3 regions of the world marks Sartomer out as a partner with unique know-how who is close to its customers and therefore in a position to fulfil their specific requirements for high performance resins.

These innovative solvent-free specialty resins are environmentally friendly, while also complying in particular with global standards on volatile organic compound (VOC) low emissions. Hence they bolster the Group's strategy in the development of new "eco-sustainable" materials, and will enable Sartomer to capitalize on the 10% annual growth expected in the electronics and 3D-printing high added value niche markets.

This project is consistent with the Group's ambition to speed up the development of its advanced materials that should eventually account for over 25% of its sales, and to continue consolidating its presence in Asia.

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