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Philippe Chartres appointed Managing Director of Arkema's Thiochemicals business unit

Effective September 1st 2009, **Philippe Chartres** is being appointed Managing Director of Arkema's Thiochemicals business unit, replacing Arnaud d'Aramon who is retiring.

A graduate from the Paris École Supérieure de Physique et Chimie Industrielles, 60 year old Philippe Chartres began his career in thermoplastics within the technical support department based at the CDF Chimie Mazingarbe plant. In 1983 he was put in charge of the Italian subsidiary of CDF Chimie, before moving to the United States in 1986 to oversee the development of Orkem's business in North America. Back in France in 1991, he was appointed Head of Department at Cray Valley, in charge of hydrocarbon resins initially and later on polyester resins.

He joined Arkema in April 2004 as Managing Director of MLPC International, a subsidiary specializing in the production of additives for rubber and adhesives, and of chemical and agrochemical intermediates.

Thiochemicals are sulfur chemicals and derivatives.

A global chemical company and France's leading chemicals producer, Arkema consists of three businesses: Vinyl Products, Industrial Chemicals, and Performance Products. Arkema reports sales of 5.6 billion euros. Arkema has 15,000 employees in over 40 countries and six research centers located in France, the United States and Japan. With internationally recognized brands, Arkema holds leadership positions in its principal markets.

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